

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Treasurer of Mendon for the year ending March 1st, 1886, respectfully submits the account of his doings.

He debits himself with the following assets, viz :

Amount received of	
Treasurer for the year 1884.....	\$2410 68
Borrowed on Town notes.....	2000 00
Borrowed on bond.....	700 00
Collector for 1884 .....	134 46
Collector for 1885.....	6334 01
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	257 71
State Treasurer, National Bank tax.....	507 87
State Treasurer, State aid .....	99 00
State Treasurer, State aid.....	25 00
State Treasurer, income of School Fund.....	210 60
County Treasurer, Dog Fund.....	98 68
For use of telephone to Feb. 1, 1886.....	23 70
Marcus M. Aldrich for use of Town Hall.....	64 00
Dr. Russell for rent of pond .....	50 00
For Town Annals.....	2 75
Austin Wood, interest over-paid.....	3 50
S. Warren Cook, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
Town of Upton, for schooling.....	26 50
Librarian for catalogues.....	65
	\$12,951 06

He credits himself with the following sums :

PAID	
N. R. George, note and interest.....	\$1026 00
Austin A. Taft, two notes and interest.....	2022 25
112 Town orders.....	6142 04
J. G. Metcalf, two notes and interest.....	518 96
A. C. Thompson, note and interest.....	73 19
N. R. George, interest on note for 1884.....	57 44
Horace S. Aldrich, bond and coupon.....	525 00
J. A. George, two coupons.....	135 00
Austin Wood, coupons .....	35 00
Ann Quigley, " .....	22 50
Sarah Moffat, " .....	15 00
A. C. Thompson, " .....	30 00

Austin Wood, Town bond.....	\$700 00
State tax.....	540 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1108 68
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	\$12,951 06
Bonds now outstanding.....	\$5100 00
Amount paid on Town Debt.....	2070 00
Amount paid interest on notes, and bonds..... ..	390 34
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	\$2460 34

AUSTIN A. TAFT, Treasurer.

Mendon, February 17, 1886.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report of the expenditures of the town for the municipal year ending March 1st, 1886.

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Frank C. Wood, killing and burying dog.....	\$ 2 00
Gilbert Gaskill, fence posts at lockup.....	50
G. B. Williams, cash paid for use of telephone.....	60 00
G. B. Williams, cash paid for removal of telephone.....	4 00
G. B. Williams, cash paid postage and mason work.....	1 40
J. A. George, cash paid for fire apparatus and extinguishers	34 69
J. A. George, cash paid for treasurer's account book....	6 50
R. H. Rose, 1 dozen fire extinguishing grenades.....	11 10
Hugh Crawford, watching Comstock fire .....	2 00
Thayer, Babson & Co., chemicals.....	2 55
A. W. Judson, returning 23 deaths.....	5 75
J. W. Harris, repairing stove pipe, record rooms.....	1 37
J. G. Metcalf, insurance of town hall and school houses..	133 69
D. Adams, express, etc., paid.....	8 55
D. Adams, storing fire extinguisher.....	12 00
Milford Mutual Fire Insurance Co., insuring lockup.....	2 50
A. W. Gaskill, cash paid watching Comstock fire .....	1 50
A. W. Gaskill, labor in old cemetery.....	1 80
N. Towne, oil, etc.....	7 11
A. W. Gaskill, cash paid for paint.....	50
Dr. J. Wilmarth, return of births.....	50
	\$300 01

### FUEL AND SUNDRIES FOR TOWN HALL.

L. A. Cook, coal.....	\$37 46
N. Town, oil, etc., to April 1st, 1885.....	6 98
M. M. Aldrich, sundries to April 1st, 1885.....	27 06
M. M. Aldrich, care of hall to April 1st, 1885.....	45 00
Bartlett & Ellis, lantern.....	6 00
A. W. Judson, repairs .....	75
A. W. Gaskill, gravel.....	6 25
	\$129 50



## SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Edward Dixon,	services as Supt. of Schools 1884-5.....	\$75 00
Gilbert Gaskill,	“ lockup keeper to Apr. 1, 1885..	3 33
Chas. H. Allen,	“ Assessor for 1885.....	27 68
M. M. Aldrich,	“ Assessor for 1885.....	45 00
E. S. Worthen,	“ Assessor for 1885.....	40 00
D. Adams,	“ Town Clerk, 1885-6.....	21 10
Martin Thayer,	“ Constable, 1885-6.....	16 50
Austin A. Taft,	“ Town Treasurer, 1885-6.....	35 00
Liberty Freeman,	“ Tax Collector, 1884.....	65 00
Liberty Freeman,	“ Selectman, 1885-6.....	22 50
A. W. Gaskill,	“ Selectman, 1885-6.....	22 50
G. B. Williams,	“ Selectman, 1885-6.....	36 80
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		\$410 41

## STATE AID PAID PENSIONERS, CHAP. 301,

## ACTS OF 1879.

John Curley .....	\$48 00
Abigail Mitchell.....	48 00
Michael Foley.....	18 00
James McKenna.....	30 00
Caleb W. Smith.....	3 00
Rufus Hazard.....	1 50
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\$148 50	

## PRINTING.

Cook & Sons, town reports, 1885 .....	\$40 00
Cook & Sons, assessors' notices and blanks .....	3 50
L. H. Balcome, memorial sermon, Mrs. Huston.....	9 50
Cook & Sons, collector's bills and posters.....	4 00
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\$57 00	

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid School Committee, by sixteen town orders drawn in their favor .....	\$2501 62
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## REPAIRS OF ROADS.

Paid Road Commissioners, by seven town orders drawn in their favor .....	\$1030 00
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor by ten town orders drawn in their favor.....	\$1425 00
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## TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid trustees, three town orders.....	\$140 00
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## RECAPITULATION.

Incidentals .....	\$300 01
Fuel and sundries for town hall.....	129 50
Town officers .....	410 41
State Aid, Chap. 301.....	148 50
Printing .....	57 00
Support of Schools.....	2501 62
Roads .....	1030 00
Poor .....	1425 00
Library .....	140 00
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	\$6142 04

The Selectmen also report that the liabilities of the Town, known to them, are as follows :

Due on bills against the Town, estimated....	\$150 00
Due town officers, estimated .....	160 00
Due school teachers, estimated.....	175 00
Due on town bonds.....	5,100 00
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	\$5,585 00

The available assets, so far as known, are as follows :

Due from Collector, list of 1885.....	\$88 77
Due from State, aid to pensioners, to Jan. 1st, 1885.....	129 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	1,108 68
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	\$1,326 45

Net indebtedness of the Town.....	\$4,258 55
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GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	} Selectmen of Mendon.
ALBERT W. GASKILL,	
LIBERTY FREEMAN,	

Mendon, Feb. 17th, 1886.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1884.

DR.

Balance uncollected Feb. 16, 1885.....	\$140 77
Interest received.....	6 66
	\$147 43

CR.

By cash paid treasurer.....	\$134 46	
Abatements .....	12 97	
	\$147 43	

LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1885.

DR.

Taxes committed for collection.....	\$6903 10
Additional assessments.....	5 92
Interest received.....	38 61
	\$6947 63

CR.

By cash paid treasurer.....	\$6334 01	
Paid county tax.....	494 00	
Abatements .....	30 85	
	\$6858 86	
Balance uncollected Feb. 17, 1886.....	\$88 77	

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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The undersigned, Road Commissioners, respectfully submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 1, 1886.

The Commissioners charge themselves with the following sums :

Cash on hand, March 2, 1885 .....	\$57 85
Cash received on town orders.....	1030 00
	\$1087 85

They credit themselves by paying the following bills :

S. P. Cummings, labor.....	\$97 40
H. Moore, labor.....	86 10
H. Crawford, labor.....	57 75
G. A. Staples, labor.....	76 95
C. B. Williams.....	165 70
Gilbert Gaskill, for gravel.....	2 80
E. Dudley, gravel.....	2 10
C. Thayer, gravel.....	5 00
W. S. Wilcox, lumber and labor, two bills.....	73 87
A. W. Gaskill, labor and cash paid.....	213 91
Elias T. Bates, " " " .....	63 56
S. H. Taft, " " " .....	91 43
Fred C. Albee, labor.....	3 90
W. J. Taft, labor.....	21 30
O. W. Hill, labor, two bills.....	31 42
P. Norris, labor.....	3 00
Henry Goldthwait, labor.....	24 33
D. Crosby, labor.....	8 70
F. H. Wood, labor and cash paid, three bills.....	89 78
J. C. Wood, labor.....	4 35
Bartlett & Ellis, spikes.....	2 95
	\$1126 30

Balance due Commissioners..... \$38 45.

SAMUEL H. TAFT,	}	Commissioners of Mendon.
A. W. GASKILL,		
ELIAS T. BATES,		



## OVERSEERS OF POOR REPORT.

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The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 1, 1886 :

Lawrence Wilber and Olive Hayward until May 7, and Mary Hayward until October 31, have received a full support. Charles H. Allen, Edna Allen, John Lane and wife, Mary C. Taft, Mary Kirby, Lucretia Albee, Edna French, the families of Jennie Tucker, Daniel Cunningham, Hugh Crawford, Henry Moores, Francis R. Scisco, Daniel D. Davenport, Walter S. Wilson (having a settlement in Mendon), Henry H. Parkhurst and Horace A. Parkhurst (having a settlement in Blackstone), Joseph H. Wood, Hiram Wilson and Anna D. Smith (belonging to Uxbridge), Arneata C. Conant (belonging to Northbridge), C. H. Burnham (belonging to Upton), have received a partial support.

March 15, 1885, the Overseers contracted with Davis Hill to board and take care of all who may require a full support for the year beginning April 1, 1885, for \$3.25 per week, for each person so cared for.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds belonging to the town :

Balance from account of last year .....	\$5 10
Ten town orders .....	1425 00
Town of Uxbridge .....	49 00
Town of Blackstone .....	52 00
Town of Upton .....	6 00
Town of Northbridge .....	18 00

\$1555 10

The Overseers credit themselves with paying the following amounts :

### FOR SUPPORT OF

Lawrence Wilber .....	\$173 49
Olive Hayward .....	78 45
Mary Hayward .....	159 32
Charles H. Allen .....	10 00
Edna Allen .....	78 00
John Lane and wife .....	162 30
Mary C. Taft .....	81 66
Mary Kirby .....	99 00
Lucretia Albee .....	88 56



Edna French.....	\$4 00
Jennie Tucker.....	119 21
Daniel Cunningham.....	86 65
Hugh Crawford.....	5 00
Henry Moores.....	29 50
Francis R. Scisco.....	46 44
Daniel D. Davenport.....	117 00
Walier S. Wilson.....	2 00
Henry H. Parkhurst.....	14 00
Horace A. Parkhurst.....	18 00
Joseph H. Wood.....	39 00
Hiram Wilson.....	5 00
Anna D. Smith.....	47 39
Arneata C. Conant.....	18 00
C. H. Burnham.....	6 00
A. W. Gaskill, wood for tramp house.....	88
Gilbert Gaskill, care of tramps.....	7 20
L. Freeman, postage stamps.....	96
L. Freeman, cash paid out on Martia Burns case.....	4 92
L. Freeman, services as overseer of the poor.....	33 00
Gilbert Gaskill " " ".....	8 00
Edward Dixon " " ".....	6 00

\$1548 93

Leaving a balance in hands of overseers of.... \$6 17

From the whole amount for support of poor.... \$1548 93

Deduct what was due for the support of paupers  
to March 2, 1885..... 155 61

What has been received from Uxbridge, \$49.00  
less \$26.31 due last year..... 22 69

What is due from Uxbridge..... 52 39

What has been received from Blackstone, \$52  
less \$20 due last year..... 32 00

What has been received from Upton and North-  
bridge..... 24 00

\$286 69

\$1262 24

Add what will be due for support of paupers to March  
1, 1886..... 77 62

Cost of supporting the poor for the year ending March  
1, 1886.....\$1339 86

Respectfully submitted.

LIBERTY FREEMAN, }  
GILBERT GASKILL, } Overseers  
EDWARD DIXON, } of the Poor.

Mendon, Feb. 17, 1886.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, School Committee and Collector of Taxes of the Town of Mendon, and that of the Treasurer of the Taft Public Library, and find them correctly kept, and with proper vouchers.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,

ANDREW W. JUDSON,

Auditors.

Mendon, Feb. 17, 1886.

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

TOWN OF MENDON TO DAVID ADAMS, DR.

Te express paid on Mass. Reports and other public Documents.....	\$3 05	
To postage paid on Election, Registration and other returns during the year.....	50	
To cash paid Charles H. Whiting, for Record Books and Blanks.....	4 75	
To cash paid for stationery.....	25	
	<hr/>	\$8 55
To services as Clerk of the Board of Registrars.	\$3 00	
To services, State Election and Clerk's Meeting, (2 days).....	4 00	
To recording, indexing and returning 17 births.	8 50	
To recording, indexing and returning 8 marriages.....	1 20	
To recording, indexing and returning 24 deaths.	4 40	
	<hr/>	\$21 10
Received for Dog Licenses during 1885 :		
Male dogs, 57 .....	\$114 00	
Female dogs, 3 .....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$129 00
Less Clerk's fees.....		12 00
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Balance paid County Treasurer.....		\$117 00

### BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1885.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1885.		
Jan. 8	Lillian Frances Bemis	Frank and Elizabeth Bemis
Feb. 6	Geo. Godfrey Davenport	John L. and Myra A. Davenport
Mar. 2	Isabel Russell	Thomas J. and Jennie M. Russell
Mar. 29	Ormond Arno d Bates	Erwin A. and Jennie Bates
Apr. 12	Mabel Russell Taft	Jonathan R. and Amanda M. Taft
Apr. 13	Lillian Freeman	Liberty and Harriet E. Freeman
Apr. 30	Walter Brown Spooner	Peleg and Abbie Frances Spooner
May 3	Albert Walter Gaskill	Walter A. and Hattie E. Gaskill
May 17	Lillian Louisa Beal	Rufus G. and Emma Beal
Aug. 7	Alphonso Aldrich	Moses and Anna L. Aldrich
Aug. 10	Fannie Belle Gaskill	Jesse and Hannorah G. Gaskill



Aug. 26	Lora Imogene Gabry	Eli Francis and Sarah Frances Gabry
S'pt. 13	Anna Eliza Burnham	Charles H. and Louisa M. Burnham
S'pt. 15	Christine Wood	Edwin F. and Annie H. Wood
S'pt. 17	Jesse Leroy Cook	S. Warren and Ada J. Cook
Nov. 10	Selwyn Francis Southwick	Alonzo L. and Alice M. Southwick
Nov. 21	Andrew Byrne	John and Alice Byrne.

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1885.

DATE. 1885.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Feb'y 23.	Silas A. Staples	Mendon
	Ella A. Newton	Mendon
March 9.	Frank E. Gibson	Uxbridge
	Alice E. Brown	Mendon
June 25.	Thomas Francis Casey	Mendon
	Katie Agnes Kiernan	Uxbridge
Aug'st 26.	Leonard Edwin Taft	Mendon
	Susan Minnie Wilson	Mendon
October 8.	Albert Jennings Congdon	Northbridge
	Annie Arzubah Aldrich	Mendon
Dec'er 17.	Frank H. Wood	Mendon
	Sarah J. Stoddard	Mendon
April 10.	Henry Francis Seisco	Mendon
	Jennie A. Roach	Mendon

### DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1885.

DATE. 1885.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
Feb'y 3.	Sarah G. Allen	92	Mendon
Feb'y 18.	Phila Taft Staples	86	"
March 15.	Mary Bennett	15	"
April 10.	Fannie W. Gaskill	50	"
May 7.	Olive Hayward	81	"
May 31.	Nancy Hill	82	"
June 6.	Orson R. Wheelock	73	"
June 11.	Mary W. Allen	2	"
June 11.	Lewis Boyden	84	"
June 17.	Deborah Staples	91	"
July 2.	Isabel Russell		"
July 13.	Robert P. Williams	70	"
August 1.	John Lane	72	"
Aug. 27.	John D. Moore	1	"
Sept. 19.	Prisse A. Gaskill	91	"
Sept. 20.	Annie Maria Grady	19	"
Sept. 25.	Dulcena Spaulding	79	"
Oct. 1.	Susan M. Richardson	48	"
Oct. 30.	Mary Hayward	84	"
Oct. 4.	Ellen Bates	74	"
Sept. 17.	Jesse Leroy Cook		"
Dec. 1.	Fred W. Bates	20	"
Dec. 7.	Albert W. Gaskill		"
Dec. 15.	Mary S. F. Slocom	65	"

DAVID ADAMS, Town Clerk.

Mendon, Feb. 15, 1886.

## TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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### FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees would report the continued successful working of the Library. It furnishes not only instruction and desirable reading for all, but it certainly furnishes a source of information that is a powerful auxiliary to our Public Schools, and the influence of which will be felt in the future of the youth growing up in our midst, and those who shall come after them — an influence that will be an ever-fresh testimonial to the enlightened generosity of the founder of this institution, and those who have added thereto.

In the exercise of the discretion in the matter given them by the Town, the Trustees caused, at small expense, the sermon of Rev. Carlton A. Staples, commemorative of Mrs. Huston, to be printed, and copies are ready for distribution to those citizens who have not already received them.

By reference to the Librarian's report it will be seen that there was a decrease in the circulation of books the past year, from that of 1884, of 221 volumes; but the number of borrowers decreased from 315 to 284 — a decrease accounted for by, and corresponding very closely in proportion to, our loss of population by removals. Those parties who have recently left town were nearly all patrons of the Library. The average number of books taken by each borrower was as great the past year as in any previous year. That there has been an increase in the per cent. of novels borrowed is not surprising, when it is remembered that a large portion of the new books purchased for the Library each year are works of fiction. This class of books is demanded by a large number of those who patronize the Library. The purchasing committee solicit lists of books desired from all who have any special preferences, and gratify them as far as possible with the means available. It is hoped that all find books on the shelves of the Library adapted to their wants and tastes.

The Librarian has attended to her duties in a manner highly satisfactory to the Trustees, and they deem themselves fortunate to have secured her services for the ensuing year.

The generous donors referred to in the librarian's report, are tendered the thanks of our citizens.

The annual examination of the books by the Trustees. was

made Feb. 9. The books were all accounted for, and the library ordered to be re-opened Feb. 13, 1886.

The appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the ensuing year is recommended.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,	}	Trustees Taft Public Library.
HORACE C. ADAMS,		
GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,		
EDWARD DIXON,		

Mendon, Feb. 13, 1886.



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY :

The fifth annual report of the state of the library, is hereby respectfully submitted for your consideration.

The library opened for the delivery of books Feb. 14, 1885. The circulation for the library year was 4557—221 less than last year. The number of persons taking books was 284.

The books distributed were classed as follows: Agriculture, 18; Biography, 188; History, 259; Travel, 267; Education, 34; Poetry, 29; Miscellaneous, 99; Novels, 3239; Periodicals, 424.

Seventy-one per cent. of those taken were works of fiction, and nine per cent. were periodicals. The average number borrowed each library day, was a fraction less than 88. The smallest number taken any day was 70, and the largest number 111. The additions to the library from all sources during the year, were 126 volumes. Of these, 68 were purchased, 28 were donated, and 30 volumes of periodicals were bound (from a gift of last year.)

The number of books in the library, is 2257.

Mrs. N. L. Hooper of Fall River, formerly a citizen of Mendon, and friend of the late Mrs. Huston, kindly gave 24 volumes. Three volumes and one pamphlet were given by Henry Pierce; 1 volume by E. Richardson of Woonsocket, through A. V. Pond; 6 pamphlets by Dept. of Interior; 45 pamphlets by Hon. Theo. Lyman; 2 pamphlets by Hon. F. D. Ely. The Shaker societies have continued to send their magazine, "The Manifesto." Agreeably to the 7th rule, the books were called in for the annual examination the first Saturday of February, and every book was returned at that time. Fines for the detention of books and cards sold, amount to \$5.86. Fifty cents in fines is still due.

Few books have been taken for reading and reference in the library room; also under special rules.

Several books need new binding, and more shelf room is required.

MARY E. DUDLEY, Librarian.

Mendon, February 8, 1886.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The undersigned, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library, respectfully submits the following report for the year ending February 7, 1886.

DR.

To cash received of Samuel H. Taft, Treasurer for 1884.	\$ 12 10
Three Town orders.....	140 00
M. E. Dudley, for fines, etc.....	5 86
	\$157 96

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PAID

W. B. Clarke & Carruth for books.....	\$62 38
S. E. Cassino & Co., for books.....	18 00
M. D. Marcy, for binding.....	15 75
M. E. Dudley, for sundries, etc.....	4 20
M. E. Dudley, for services as Librarian.....	50 00
Cash on hand.....	7 63
	\$157 96

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE C. ADAMS, Treasurer.

Mendon, February 13, 1886.

Examined, found correct, and with proper vouchers.

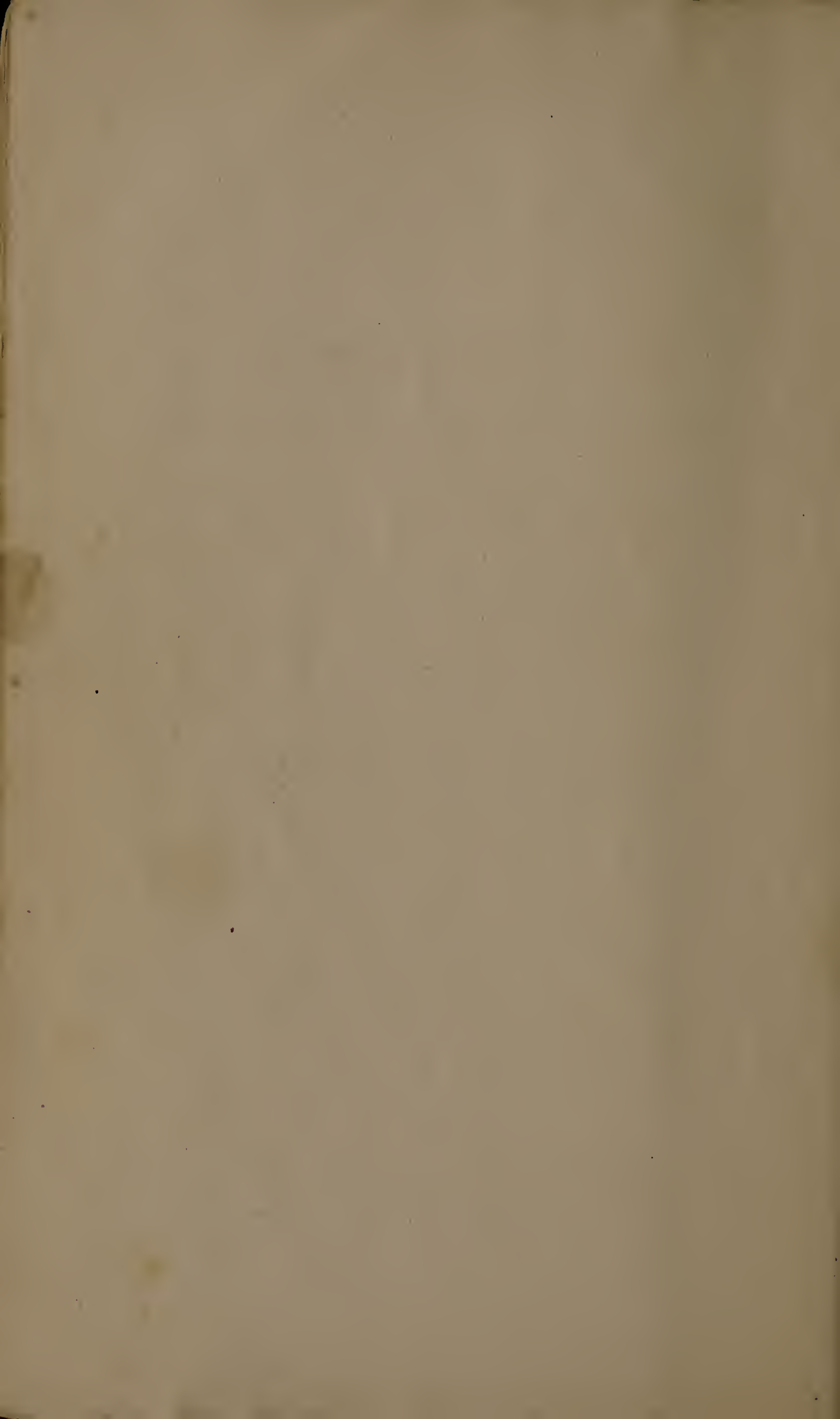
EDWARD DIXON, }  
G. B. WILLIAMS, } Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MENDON.  
FOR THE  
YEAR 1885-86.



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## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The following report of the school expenditures for the year is respectfully submitted.

### DR.

To Town orders drawn for school purposes...	\$2501 62	
To Cash in Home National Bank.....	165 31	
	-----	\$2666 93

### CR.

Instruction, fuel and care of rooms .....	\$1780 79	
School books and supplies .....	243 29	
Incidentals .....	401 22	
Cash in Home National Bank.....	241 63	
	-----	\$2666 93

### OLD BILLS.

Mary E. Dudley .....	\$84 00	
Cora E. Gaskill .....	84 00	
Mary L. Taft.....	91 00	
N. Currier.....	180 00	
	-----	\$439 00

### NORTH.

Mary L. Taft, two bills .....	\$108 00
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### CENTRE—PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR.

Sarah L. Bennett, two bills .....	\$162 00	
Mary E. Dudley, three bills.....	189 00	
Edward Dixon, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cords of wood.....	7 87	
Edward Dixon, cleaning rooms.....	3 50	
M. M. Aldrich, for wood.....	10 00	
W. E. Dixon, care of fires.....	6 00	
W. E. Dixon, sawing wood.....	6 37	
	-----	\$384 74

### SOUTH.

Mary A. Barrows, three bills.....	\$160 00	
Mary A. Barrows, care of fire.....	4 00	
Lowell C. Cook, wood and fitting same.....	7 00	
	-----	\$171 00

## EAST.

Cora E. Gaskill, three bills.....	\$200 00	
Frederick Bates, wood and fitting same.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$210 00

## WEST.

Lottie T. Cornwell, two bills.....	\$95 00	
Frank H. Wood, wood and fitting same.....	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$101 50

## ALBEEVILLE.

Dora Taft, two bills.....	\$114 00	
S. H. Taft, wood and fitting same.....	12 55	
	<hr/>	\$126 55

## HIGH.

O. C. B. Nason, two bills.....	\$180 00	
Volney Skinner, one bill.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$240 00

## INCIDENTALS.

Cook & Sons, diplomas.....	\$6 00
David Adams, expenses of G. A. Walton.....	4 75
Julius A. George, two stoves and pipe.....	14 81
Knight, Adams & Co., labels.....	1 15
C. W. Bardeen, supplies for High school.....	2 40
C. H. Allen, taking census of scholars.....	1 50
Gilbert Gaskill, digging well, No. 1.....	92 75
A. G. Chilson, varnishing furniture, No. 2.....	13 75
A. P. Scribner, express.....	2 70
M. Cunningham, labor.....	50
King & Merrill, supplies.....	5 40
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., supplies.....	31 50
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., map, No. 1.....	3 00
S. W. Ferguson, blackboards.....	15 00
Frank H. French, repairing clocks.....	2 00
F. M. Ambrose, supplies.....	6 64
King & Merrill, supplies, No. 2.....	3 60
King & Merrill, supplies, No. 4.....	1 00
King & Merrill, globe.....	5 00
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies.....	19 70
Edward Dixon, labor and supplies, No. 2.....	4 00
Samuel H. Taft, repairs and supplies, No. 6.....	1 25
Frederick Bates, " " No. 4.....	1 75
Edward Dixon, " " No. 2.....	1 00
J. W. Harris, " " No. 2.....	2 00
Lowell C. Cook, " " No. 3.....	70 68
Frank H. Wood, " " No. 5.....	50 65



J. W. Harris, supplies, No. 2.....	\$2 58
Edward Dixon, services as school book agent.....	25 00
Edward Dixon, fare to Boston and postage.....	2 16
Edward L. Smith, use of well for No. 2 .....	7 00
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	\$401 22

A careful inspection of the financial statement contained in the Superintendent's report, will show that the town appropriations for support of schools last year has been expended; for if we had received no money for out-of-town scholars, the balance remaining in the treasury would be smaller this year than last. Under the present organization of our schools, and with the same length of school year, we do not see how they can be supported for a less sum this year. We therefore ask for the same amount as was appropriated last year.

According to law, the committee has furnished scholars all necessary text books and supplies, at the cost of the town.

There has not been one text book purchased from the town this year.

It was thought best not to put the town to the expense of printing the school book account in detail, as was done last year, but, instead, to abbreviate it and place the agent's books at the disposal of any citizen who would like to examine his account with the different schools. We ask for an appropriation of \$200 for text books and supplies this year.

We regret to say that toward the end of the year Mr. Samuel H. Taft, who has served the town on the Board of School Committee so efficiently for the past ten years, tendered his resignation, which was reluctantly accepted by the committee. Being so near the end of the year, it was not deemed advisable to appoint anybody to the vacancy.

For the Committee,

EDWARD DIXON, Treasurer.

FRANK H. WOOD, Chairman,

EDWARD DIXON, Secretary,

WILLIAM W. NELSON,

FREDERICK BATES,

LOWELL C. COOK,

School Committee.

## SCHOOL BOOK AGENT'S REPORT.

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To the School Committee of Mendon :

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit the school book account for the year :

Dr.

To books and supplies on hand May 1, '85.....	\$100 10	
To books and supplies purchased this year.....	243 33	
	—————	\$343 43

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By books and supplies furnished :

High school.....	\$121 42	
Grammar school.....	33 07	
Primary school.....	26 22	
North school.....	38 63	
South school.....	20 12	
East school.....	28 66	
West school.....	19 73	
Albeeville school.....	17 52	
Practice drawing paper, \$1.80 ; erasers, \$1.50 ; sponges, \$2.00 ; writing paper, \$1.05 ; draw- ing paper, \$5.12 ; for all schools.....	11 47	
Pens and one bottle of ink for selectmen.....	73	
Books and supplies on hand.....	25 86	
		\$343 43

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### BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ON HAND.

One Franklin new fifth reader.....	70
One Franklin adv. third reader.....	40
Four Franklin adv. second readers.....	1 20
Eleven Franklin adv. first readers.....	1 83
Three Franklin fourth readers.....	1 35
Fourteen Franklin third readers.....	4 90
Ten Franklin second readers.....	2 50
Two Franklin first readers.....	30
Four English Grammars.....	2 20
One McGuffey's speller.....	15
Two doz. Penmanship.....	2 00

Two doz. No. 4 drawing books.....	\$2 92
Three doz. No. 3 drawing books.....	2 00
Four doz. rulers.....	58
Four bottles of ink.....	1 20
Two bottles of ink.....	71
Three slates.....	15
Three slates.....	12
Paper )	50
and { furnished school committee.....	
Ink }	15
	<hr/> \$25 86

EDWARD DIXON, Agent.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MENDON : — Time's onward march again makes it necessary that the annual school report shall be submitted for your consideration. It is presented with the conviction that, on the whole, the year about to close has witnessed as great a degree of advancement as any year of late has marked. It would be difficult to measure with exactness the increase of prosperity during the year, but I have the assurance that there has been a good, healthy progress, and believe that on inspection our schools will compare favorably in work done, with those of other small towns and with those of the same grade in larger towns.

Our teachers, as a rule, are progressive and very readily adopt improved methods.

From term to term existing faults in the work and government of the schools are found, which are corrected when possible; but sometimes the remedy is in the hands of the parents, and then we need their co-operation, which is not always easy to secure.

The advantages our schools afford children ought to be thoroughly appreciated by every parent, and they should take an interest in the work of the school board and co-operate with its members in making the schools as good as possible. They should see that their children, when in good health and members of a school, attend every day, and, in case of any "unpleasantness," should give the subject their *personal* attention. It is hardly just to form conclusions without making any investigations.

The record of Attendance and Roll of Honor will be considered up to the 16th inst., the Grammar, Albeeville and West schools each having three days, the North eight days, and the High four weeks and three days, longer to keep. Thus the report is, of necessity, an incomplete statement of the condition of our schools for the year; but in order that it may be printed with the annual town report, it is necessary to prepare it now. The term of school (High excepted) of the different districts ought to be so regulated that the Superintendent should have at least a week, after they are all finished and the registers collected, in which to prepare his report for publication.

In the Spring term our schools were visited by Mr. Geo. A. Walton, agent of the State Board of Education. His criticisms of the work done in the different schools, were productive of much good to our teachers.

In the Fall term a teachers' institute was held, under the aus-

pices of the State Board of Education. Over two hundred teachers and friends of education from the surrounding towns were present to witness the exercises. In these institutes the best methods of teaching the common school studies are presented, and teachers who attend them seldom fail to obtain ideas which are a benefit to themselves and their pupils. Our teachers were given the day to attend the institute, and the best interests of the town were served in their doing so.

#### ATTENDANCE, ETC.

The whole number of scholars enrolled, is twenty-four less than last year; but as many have left town since the commencement of the year, the actual number now in all the schools is much less. The difference in the number of scholars in each school, this year and last, will be found on another page. The highest yearly percentage was in the Grammar and East schools, being 96 per cent. in each. The smallest yearly percentage of attendance was in the North school, being (approximately) 85 per cent. The percentage of attendance for the year, compared with the corresponding terms of last year, is the same. The number of tardy marks has decreased 31 per cent., while the roll of honor has decreased only 18 per cent. The supply of diplomas having been exhausted in the Fall term, a number sufficient for several years was purchased under vote of committee.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Exhibiting the names of scholars who have attended school one or more terms without being absent or tardy.

*HIGH SCHOOL.*

## FALL TERM.

Clifton E. Bates.

## WINTER TERM.

William L. Beals.  
W. Edward Dixon,  
Minnie D. Gaskill,  
C. C. P. Hastings,  
Evelyn J. Nutter,  
Annie Quigley,  
Grace F. Smith,  
John M. Towne,

Fred H. Brown,  
Franklin Freeman,  
Moses W. Gaskill,  
Percy T. Kinsley,  
Jennie L. Nutter,  
Annie Scriven,  
Grace Taft,  
Bessie W. Wilcox.

One Year—\*Percy T. Kinsley.

Two Years—\*Fred. H. Brown.

*GRAMMAR SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

John M. Towne,  
Nelly M. Kelly,  
Jennie L. Nutter,

Harold Wheeler,  
Sarah J. Kelly.

## FALL TERM.

Newton J. Nutter,  
Annie Quigley,  
Abigail Taft,

Harold Wheeler,  
Mary Staples.

## WINTER TERM.

Alfred T. Dixon,  
Lena Wheeler,  
Harold Wheeler,  
Florence Snow,

Joseph Dudley,  
Morton Holbrook,  
Newton J. Nutter,  
Mary Staples.

One Year—Harold Wheeler.

Two Years—Florence Snow.

*PRIMARY SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Iola M. Wheeler,  
Jerry Driscoll,  
Morton A. Holbrook,  
Norman E. Wheeler,

Harry Dixon,  
Everett F. Darling,  
Ernest L. Tucker.

## FALL TERM.

Bertha E. Hastings,  
Ethel Williams,  
Everett F. Darling,

Clare W. Hastings,  
Lillie B. Wheeler,  
Jerry Driscoll.



## WINTER TERM.

Bertha E. Hastings,  
Lillie B. Wheeler,  
Harry C. Dixon,  
Jerry Driscoll,  
Archibald Gunn,  
Walter F. Towne,

Sabrey N. Moores,  
Fred H. Crawford,  
Everett F. Darling,  
Edward E. Gunn,  
Clarence H. Moores,  
Paul F. Wheeler.

One Year—Jerry Driscoll.

Two Years—Everett F. Darling.

*NORTH SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Alice Quigley,  
J. Grace Taft,  
Mabel P. Ballou,  
A. Dwight Davenport,  
Ora P. Davenport,

Grace Darling,  
Julia Grady,  
Mary E. Foley,  
John Grady.

## FALL TERM.

Alice Quigley,  
Ora P. Davenport,

A. Dwight Davenport,  
Willie Warner.

## WINTER TERM.

Joseph H. Lury,  
Ora P. Davenport,  
Two Years—Ora P. Davenport.

James Powers.

*SOUTH SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Jessie E. Cook,  
Solon Parkhurst,  
Willie Martin,

Grace C. Cook,  
Horace Parkhurst.

## FALL TERM.

Ida M. Barrows,  
Willie Martin,

Irving E. Pearson,  
Harry J. Martin.

## WINTER TERM.

Francis A. Bebo,  
Harry J. Martin,  
One Year—Willie Martin.

Willie Martin.

*EAST SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Waldo A. Rockwood,  
Anna M. Staples,

William Rockwood.

## FALL TERM.

Jessie L. Bates,  
Frank G. Collins,  
Waldo A. Rockwood,

John D. Bates,  
Oscar A. Newhall,  
George A. Rockwood,

William Rockwood,  
Annie E. Collins,  
Sallie S. Collins,  
Bertha V. Horton,  
Anna M. Staples,

Arthur B. Sprague,  
Grace E. Collins,  
Hannah S. Gaskill,  
Bertha L. Sprague,  
Alzie R. Staples.

WINTER TERM.

Jessie L. Bates,  
Waldo A. Rockwood.  
Hannah S. Gaskill,  
One Year—Waldo A. Rockwood.

Oscar A. Newhall,  
Sallie S. Collins,  
Marion E. Howe.

*ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL.*

SPRING TERM.

Bertha Albee,  
Estine Taft,  
F. Ina Taft,

Cora Taft,  
Hattie Albee.

FALL TERM.

Bertha Albee,  
Hattie Albee,  
F. Ina Taft.  
Mason F. Kinsley,

Cora Taft,  
Estine Taft,  
James H. Morris.

WINTER TERM.

Bertha Albee,  
Estine Taft,  
One Year—Bertha Albee, Estine Taft, Hattie Albee.  
Two Years—Cora Taft.

Cora Taft,  
Hattie Albee.

*WEST SCHOOL.*

FALL TERM.

Waldo Thayer.

WINTER TERM.

Josephine Burnham,

Mary L. Wood.

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\*In Grammar School until this term.

## STUDIES.

The importance of good Reading, is fully recognized by our teachers ; and instead of the old method of teaching children to read a letter at a time and drawl out each word in a listless and misunderstanding manner, the teachers endeavor to have their scholars read intelligently and without hesitation, first teaching words that stand for ideas, instead of letters that, to the young scholar, represent incomprehensible sounds. The supplementary Readers have been of great assistance to them in this work, as they furnished the younger scholars with more extensive reading of the same grade.

In Penmanship, there has been a decided improvement this year, and the same may be said of Drawing.

The results obtained by the study of Arithmetic, are not at all satisfactory. More time is probably devoted to this study than to any other, and scholars pass the poorest examination in it. We are too apt to hurry scholars, instead of giving them time to master one subject before proceeding to the next, which may require still greater mental development. The teachers are, no doubt, somewhat influenced by the desire of parents to have their children advance rapidly in their books ; but the knowledge one has acquired of any study pursued, cannot be measured by the number of pages he has gone over. There is an opportunity for great improvement in this study.

The results obtained from the study of Grammar, are also unsatisfactory. The work is not made practical enough. A scholar may analyze a fairly difficult sentence and parse any word in it ; but if called upon to construct an original sentence of equal difficulty, he is as likely to fail as to succeed in performing it correctly. Technical Grammar is taught too soon, and the young scholars, being obliged to learn hard, dry, incomprehensible rules, very soon develop a dislike for the subject which often clings to them as long as they remain in school. There is no better way to teach children Language, than to have them make use of it both in oral and written exercises. Language lessons should take the place of technical Grammar, until a child is at least twelve years old.

The plan adopted this year of teaching U. S. History as a reading lesson has proved quite successful, the Eclectic Primary History used for the purpose being well adapted to our Grammar grades. Geography is generally well taught, and in written examinations scholars usually reach the highest per cent. in this study. Commendable progress has been made in Map Drawing.

In accordance with the law passed at the last session of the Legislature, Physiology has been added to our curriculum, which now consists of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Spelling, Geography, Grammar, Drawing, U. S. History and Physiology. These studies are all required by law. This science is taught orally, so is not a very severe tax on the pupil's mind. The elementary princi-



ples of other sciences might in this way be profitably taught our young scholars, thus tending to a more general cultivation of their faculties.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

This school was taught in the Fall term by Mr. Nason, of Woonsocket, a graduate of Brown University. At the end of the Fall term he resigned, and the school committee secured the services of Mr. Volney Skinner, of Watertown, another graduate of Brown, for the Winter term. Under his direction, the scholars are doing good work in their studies. Mr. Skinner evinces a genuine interest in his work, and labors hard for the welfare of his scholars.

There are thirty-six pupils enrolled, of whom seventeen come from the outer districts. Since the school was established there have been five years when the school was larger, eight years when it was smaller, and two years when it contained the same number of scholars as at present. Comparing the cost per scholar with that of a decade ago, and using the number of scholars now in the school (36) for this year's basis, we have the following: In 1875-1876. number of scholars, 39; teacher's wages, \$480; cost per scholar, \$12.56. Teacher's wages this year, \$360; number of scholars, 36; cost per scholar, \$10.

In the Fall term, although the class did not enter this school as heretofore, it was brought together in the Grammar school where, under the excellent instruction of Miss Bennett, the members received a much better training than they would have received in the High school, of which they virtually formed a part. This arrangement, for obvious reasons, was a great advantage (which might have been better improved) to the High school in the Fall term, and by it the number of classes was kept down to ten this winter.

This school has been maintained by the town for eighteen years, and its beneficent work has been, and still is, recognized by all those interested in the education of the children of this town. A school that is composed of the best scholars from the different district schools, as this one is, cannot but be an advantageous one. It not only benefits the scholars in it, but acts as an incentive to greater efforts on the part of those who remain in the other schools, to advance in their studies, so that, in due time, they, too, may reach the distinction of being High school scholars.

All the class that entered this year, were required to take three studies besides miscellaneous work. Some of the pupils who were prepared to enter the Latin class already formed, were permitted to make that study a fourth one, with the understanding that if one was dropped it should be the Latin.

Owing to the admittance of this large class and the re-arrangement of the classes this term, the expense for books has been great. It is time the school committee laid out a course of study for this

school that should be strictly adhered to. We have books sufficient for large classes in the following studies: Reading, United States History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Book-keeping, English Grammar, Rhetoric, Latin, Physical Geography, Physiology and Natural Philosophy. With the addition of Civil Government, this list would seem to embrace as many studies as can profitably be taught in a school like this.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The committee were very fortunate in securing so competent a teacher for this school as Miss Bennett proved to be. A lady of superior intellect, an excellent disciplinarian and a zealous worker in her profession, she enjoyed the full confidence of her scholars, as well as parents and committee, and remarkable progress was made by her pupils. A large class from the North school entered the Grammar in the Fall term, making new demands on the teacher, which were fully met, and this term was even more profitable than the Spring term. Miss Bennett's resignation was greatly to be regretted; but the need of rest, with the prospect of a better situation in the Spring, caused her to take that step.

Miss M. F. Briggs, of Mattapoisett, Mass., a graduate of Bridgewater Normal school, was engaged for the Winter term. Her methods of teaching were similar to those employed by Miss Bennett, so a good opportunity was afforded the scholars to advance in their studies this Winter.

A class of eighteen left this school at the end of the Fall term, and entered the High this Winter; so it would be difficult to give a fair comparison of the work done this term, with that of the two preceding.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Mary E. Dudley has taught this school throughout the year, in a very commendable manner. Her methods of teaching are constantly improving, and work is now done in this school that would not have been attempted several years ago. She has the love and confidence of all her scholars, and no school in town has done better work than has been done here.

### NORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Mary L. Taft has had charge of this school during the year. It is probably the hardest school (High excepted) to discipline in town. Miss Taft has succeeded well in this respect, and it is in this that many fail; and all things considered, her school has made praiseworthy progress. But the same difficulty existed this year as last, the non-attendance of scholars. No teacher can do herself justice, unless parents send their children to school regularly.



## SOUTH SCHOOL.

This school has been in charge of Mrs. Mary A. Barrows during the year. It was taught in a much more satisfactory manner than last year. There is no doubt that this school has been interfered with in an unlawful manner, at different times during the year, and if the teacher makes a formal complaint to the committee they should, by administering a wholesome lesson to those who disturb the school, protect her in the discharge of her duties from further insult.

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Cora E. Gaskill has taught this school through the year, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. I can only speak of this school in words of praise, and sincerely hope the great interest which the people of this part of the town evince in their school will not in the future diminish, for while it lasts they cannot have a poor school.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Lottie F. Cornwell has had charge of this school for the year. It is to be regretted the excellent teacher of last year could not have been retained, but a larger salary drew her elsewhere. There are some bright children in this school, and, on the whole, fair progress has been made.

## ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL.

Miss Dora Taft has had charge of this school during the year, and the scholars under her have made commendable progress in their studies throughout the year. This school, which until lately was considered our largest school, is now the smallest in town.

## APPARATUS.

Under the law which gives the school committee authority to appropriate 25 per cent. of the State School fund for the purchase of maps, etc., I have, after consulting with the committee, purchased some necessary maps and supplementary readers, and a desk copy of "White's Oral Lessons" for each school. They have been used a great deal through the year, with good results.

## TEXT BOOKS.

I would report that the text books furnished by the town have been kept in good condition, and that all the books furnished the scholars this year and last were in the school this Winter term, none having been worn out or lost; that there has been no difficulty in having scholars use books which had been used by other scholars, and that the law works successfully, to the benefit of our schools.

## COST OF SCHOOLS.

The decreasing number of scholars in town has raised the inquiry, whether the cost of instruction per scholar is not considerably more now than it was, say ten years ago, when the schools were larger. The following table will show the cost per year for each scholar, the average number of scholars and the average wages per month paid teacher this year, and also for the year ending April 30, 1876.

SCHOOLS.	Average Number of Scholars 1876.	Average Number of Scholars, 1886.	Average Wages Paid Teachers per Month, 1876.	Average Wages Paid Teachers per Month, 1886.	Average Cost per Scholar, 1876.	Average Cost per Scholar, 1886.
North.	30	22	\$40 73	\$25 60	\$9 56	\$8 73
Primary.	41	32	34 71	25 20	5 92	6 29
Grammar.	33	24	41 78	34 57	8 86	10 08
South.	13	14	28 71	21 33	15 46	11 43
East.	24	23	34 28	26 66	10 00	8 58
West.	11	14	24 00	20 00	15 37	10 71
Albeeville.	32	14	33 71	25 46	7 37	13 28

## SCHOOL HOUSES.

The South school house has been newly shingled, and the interior has received a coat of paint and whitewash and some necessary repairs.

The West school room has been enlarged by removing the partition between it and the entry, and some other necessary improvements made.

In the Centre room, the furniture has been re-varnished and coal stoves put in for the Winter term, as the rooms could not be sufficiently warmed by the wood stoves.

A well, for which the town made a special appropriation, has been dug for the use of the North school,

The East school house needs repairing on the west side badly. The recitation bench is on this side of the school room, and cold westerly winds blow through open cracks in the side of the school house directly on to the scholars, and expose them to the risk of taking cold.

The interior of the Albeeville school house needs renovating. Some method of ventilating the school rooms should be adopted, as bad air is the rule rather than the exception.



## CONCLUSION.

The methods of teaching the different studies in our schools should be more uniform, and to this end would suggest that all teachers be required to attend a teachers' meeting, held under direction of the school committee, some day before the commencement of each term, and that the best methods of teaching the different subjects there presented should be adopted by all the teachers.

Our method of electing teachers should be changed. Each teacher should be elected by the committee as a board. Our present method, so I am informed on good authority, is illegal.

Monthly reports should be used in all the schools, as they would keep the parents informed of the progress of their children, and would, perhaps, awaken more interest in their minds concerning the progress of the school.

With many thanks for the generous support the School Committee have given me for the last three years, and for the courteous treatment received from teachers, this report is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD DIXON,

Superintendent of Schools.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RESOURCES.

Amount unexpended, April 30, 1885.....	\$121 22
Town appropriation for 1885.....	1,500 00
Received for Milford scholars.....	6 00
"    Upton    "    .....	26 50
Income from dog tax.....	98 63
Received from State School Fund.....	210 60
	<hr/>
	\$1,962 95

## EXPENDED.

Teachers' wages*.....	\$1,684 00
Fuel and care of fire†.....	100 00
Apparatus from State School Fund.....	45 64
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	\$1,829 64
Balance in Treasury.....	133 31
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	\$1,962 95

\* Including all wages that will be due this year.

† Including what is estimated to be due.

SCHOOLS.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Length of School in Months.	Teacher's Wages Per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number of Tardinesses.	Roll of Honor.	Number Scholars Under Five Years.	Number Scholars Over Fifteen Yrs.	Number of Schol- ars in 1885-1886.	Fuel and Care of Fires.	Repairs on Schoolhouses.
High.	Fall. Winter.	O. C. B. Nason. Volney Skinner.	3 3	\$60 60	23 36	17.78 34.78	87 97	12 12	1 16		19 17	30 27		
North.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Mary L. Taft. "	2 1/4 2 1/4 3	24 24 28	25 21 20	22.52 19.49 12.70	98 95 67	26 18 36	8 4 3		1 3	29 32 31		
Primary.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Mary E. Dudley. "	2 1/2 2 3/4 2 1/4	24 24 28	34 37 24	26.75 32.62 21.40	94 93 90	33 20 2	8 7 12	1 1		34 34		
Grammar.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Sarah L. Bennett. Mary F. Briggs.	2 2 1/2 2 1/2	36 36 32	24 30 18	20.55 28.01 17.62	94 97 98	3 7 3	7 7 8		2	19 29 27	\$24 87	\$13 75
South.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Mary A. Barrows. "	2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2	20 20 24	12 15 15	10.38 10.72 12.18	94 89 73	1 0 2	5 4 3	1	1	9 12 14	11 00	70 68
East.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Cora E. Gaskill. "	2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2	24 28 28	20 26 24	18.35 24.29 21.18	97 95 96	8 11 20	3 16 7		2 1 1	22 20 19	10 00	
West.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Lottie T. Connell. "	2 2 3/4 2 3/4	20 20 20	12 15 15	9.62 12.97 12.67	84 90 91	4 24 9	1 2			13 13 15	6 50	50 65
Albeeville.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Dora Taft. " "	2 1/2 2 1/4 2 3/4	24 24 28	18 15 10	15.43 12.16 8.93	91 95 95	2 5 7	5 7 5		1 1	30 29 27	12 55	1 75

## TOWN WARRANT.

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WORCESTER, ss. — To either Constable of the Town of Mendon, in the County of Worcester, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town hall, in said Mendon, on MONDAY, the first day of March, next, punctually, at ten o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz. :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 4. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town charges, and make appropriations of the same.

Article 5. To determine the manner of repairing the roads and bridges in said town the year ensuing.

Article 6. To see if the town will require the School Committee annually to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen, or make any alterations in the same.

Article 8. To see what measures, if any, the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to continue the High School.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay current expenses for the municipal year



commencing March 1st, 1886, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.

Article 11. To see what measures, if any, by borrowing money or otherwise, the town will take for the redemption of town bonds maturing during the municipal year commencing March 1st, 1886.

Article 12. To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article 13. To see if the town will continue communication by telephone with Milford, as security against destruction by fire, or act in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to pay C. H. Albee for use of well for Albeeville School, from and after Jan. 1st, 1885.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to heat the Town Hall and school rooms in the Center by furnaces or otherwise, or act in relation to the same.

Article 16. To see if the town will authorize and direct the purchase of about seven acres of land on the Milford road near the late residence of John Lane, or any part of the same, for the purpose of procuring road material, or act in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see what action, if any, the town will take towards the purchase of a piano.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: at the post-office, and on the door of the schoolhouse in Albeeville, and at the post-office at South Milford.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this eighteenth day of

February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	} Selectmen of Mendon.
ALBERT W. GASKILL,	
LIBERTY FREEMAN,	

A true copy. Attest:

Constable of Mendon.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

OF THE

POLLS, VALUATION AND TAXES

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON

FOR 1885.

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ASSESSORS :

*E. S. WORTHEN.*                      *M. M. ALDRICH.*  
*CHARLES H. ALLEN.*

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## VALUATION AND TAXES.

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NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Aldrich, Chauncey.	Cow \$25, house 525, barn 25, wood-house 50, homestead 5 1-2 a. 275,	\$12 27
Albee, Enos T.	Sprout land 1 1-2 a. \$45.....	51
Albee, Charles H.	Machinery \$150, horse 100, cow 35,. yearling 15, 4 swine 25, carriage and harness 60, engine and boiler 300, house 800, barn 80, shop 100, wood-house 20, house lot 1 a. 100, Freeman lot 1-2 a. 75, McNay lot 10 a. 500.	28 91
Allen, Geo. F.....		2 00
Allen, Sarah A.	Four oxen \$120, colt 60, 3 cows 105, 3 farrow cows 60, 3 yearlings 45, 3 swine 25, wagon 25. 1-4 house 150, barn 200, crib 25, 1-3 of homestead 51 a. 1000, old bottom land, 13 a., 150, C. Thayer land, 10 a. 200, Mill river meadow 1-2 a. 12, undivided half of West wood land 10 a. 325, 1-2 Potomac pasture 14 a. 175.	30 52
Allen, Sarah G., estate of.	Money unsecured \$10,000, 3-4 of house 450, barn 25, Daniels wood land 10 a. 300, Bates wood land 10 a 200, Cummins land 1 1-2 a. 75, J. B. Mellen land 3 a. 150, wigwam land 2 a. 100, barn lot 1 1-2 a 75, Mill river meadow 3 a. 100, Mill river meadow, Waity Allen piece 5 a. 115, homestead of Waity Allen 102 a. 1,546, undivided 1-2 20 a. wood land 10 a., 325.	153 46
Aldrich, Louise M.	House \$600, house lot 1-8 a. 50....	7 41
Aldrich, Horace S.....		2 00
Aldrich, Delilah O., estate of,	money unsecured \$1000...	11 40
Aldrich, Alma H.	House \$500, barn 100, house lot 1 a. 50, Carter land 63 a. 819, wood land 3 a. 150.	18 46
Aldrich, Henry A.	Stock in trade \$400, 1 horse 65, car-	30 28

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
	riage 100, phaeton 20, sleigh and harness 20, 1-2 house 700, store 1000, house lot 1-4 a. 175.	
Aldrich, William H.	Money unsecured \$200, house 400, barn 300, carriage house 50, 2-10' of parsonage 200, brick shop 100, barn lot 1 a. 300, 1-2 14 a. wood land 175.	\$21 67
Adams, Horace C.....		2 00
Allen, Charles H.....		2 00
Aldrich, Marcus M.	Three horses \$150, cow 35, 2-year-old heifer 20, wagon 30, sleigh and harness 10, house. Craig place, 500, house 500, barn 200, small house 150, carriage house 20, house lot 1-4 a., Craig place 50, homestead 35 a. 1000, cranberry and wood land 5 1-2 a. 200, meadow and sprout land 20 a. 350.	38 65
Aldrich, Rufus M.	Horse \$75, 3 cows 100. 1 2-year-old heifer 25, wagon 15, house 500, barn 150, homestead 24 a. 1050, Steward meadow 5 a. 200.	26 11
Adams, David.	Two horses \$100, 3 cows 120, 1 farrow 35, 2-year-old heifer 25, 3 carriages 100, beach wagon 25, Democrat wagon 45, 2 sleighs 20, harnesses 50, house 700, barn 300, carriage house and shed 200, house lot 3 3-8 a. 500, Rawson land 3 1-2 a. 150, A. C. Cook pasture 8 a. 200, Wheeler pasture 15 a. 275, Farnum meadow 1 a. 25, Farnum meadow 4 1-2 a. 45, Albee land 3 5-8 a. 375.	39 51
Aldrich, Frank M.....		2 00
Aldrich, Moses.	Seven cows \$280, 1 farrow 30, 2 oxen 150, horse 25, 6 swine 72, buggy and harness 40, sleigh 12, express wagon 40, house 400, barn 1000, crib 50, carriage house 25, homestead 130 a. 3,500.	66 12
Aldrich, Moses, and others.	Pasture 10 a. 140.....	1 60
Aldrich, Benjamin F.	Money \$100, 2 oxen 125, horse 100, 3 cows 106, 2-year-old heifer 35, yearling 10, carriage 85, express wagon 20, buggy 100, sleigh and harness 15, house 1100, 2 barns 500, carriage house 100, crib 30, wood-house 35, homestead 95 a. 1700,	59 69



NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Mowry land 28 a. 900.		
Barrows, John G.	Horse \$90, house 450, barn 150, hen house 75, homestead 10 a. 400, wood and sprout land 5 a. 50.	\$15 86
Barry, John W.		2 00
Barry, John.	Stock in trade \$300, 4 swine 44, house 400, new house 350. wood house 25, carriage house and shop 125, hog house 50. blacksmith shop 250, house lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 150, shop lot 100.	22 45
Brigdale, Patrick.	House \$300, house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50.	3 99
Brigdale, Patrick E.		2 00
Bartlett, Mary D.	House \$900, barn 125, small house 300, hen house 25, house lot $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. 350.	19 38
Barrows, William E.		2 00
Bennett, David W.	Money unsecured, \$1200, horse 100, 4 cows 120, 2 yearlings 30, 2 swine 20, carriage and harness 10, wagon 15, house 600. new house 700, barn 200. wood-house 50, homestead 67 a. 1850, Torrey land 29 a. 500, Rawson land 23 a. 400, cranberry meadow 1 a. 300, M. M. Aldrich sprout land 15 a. 150.	73 19
Bennett, Samuel A.		2 00
Beal, David.		2 00
Brown, Henry W.	Horse \$60, buggy and harness 30, house 300, barn 50, shop 50, homestead 1 a. 150.	9 30
Broughey, John.	Horse \$40, 2 cows 70, house 75, barn 25, homestead 20 a. 300.	7 81
Ballou, Sumner, heirs of.	Store \$400. lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 100.	5 70
Bowen, Smith A.	Horse \$75, carriage 30, harness 10.	3 31
Barrows, Alfred I.	Four cows \$135, beach wagon 15.	3 71
Boyd, Willis L.		2 00
Briggs, Rufus B.	Horse \$100, cow 20, carriage 25, sleigh and harness 15.	3 82
Briggs, Eunice.	House \$1000, barn 150, carriage house 20, homestead 10 a. 600.	20 18
Bates, Erwin A.	Two horses \$150, 2 oxen 150, 2 swine	18 53

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
	20, wagon 30, house 550, barn 125, shed 25, homestead 7½ a. 400.	
Brown, Alonzo E.	Two horses \$150, 2 cows 70, 2 swine 15, carriage and harness 40, house 300, barn 130, shop 75, homestead 26 a. 780.	\$19 79
Barrows, Albert W.		2 00
Beals, William P.		2 00
Beals, Mary E.	One horse \$75, 1 do. 35, carriage and harness 50, 2 sleighs 10.	1 94
Beal, Rufus G.	Horse \$150, 2 cows 70, beach wagon and harness 25, express wagon 20, house 400, barn 40, homestead 30 a. 870.	19 95
Byrne, John.	Three horses \$150, 2 cows 70, bull 15, 3 swine 30, wagon 10, carriage 10, house 200, barn 150, wagon house 75, homestead 50 a. 700, Albee pasture 17 a. 125.	19 50
Bennett and Taft.	Wood and sprout land 36 a. \$720, wood and sprout land 10 a. 200.	10 49
Bates, Joseph.	Horse \$75, cow 40, democrat wagon 40, express wagon 25, house 1000, barn and slaughter house 350, carriage house 150, house lot 3⅔ a. 337, B. Bates land 5½ a. 110.	26 25
Bates, Henry.	Horse \$100, buggy and harness 40, house 350, house lot ⅙ a. 25.	7 88
Bates, Benjamin.	Cow \$35, house 500, barn 100, house lot ½ a. 50, R. Hayward land 7½ a. 250.	12 66
Bates, Frederick.	Horse \$15, cow 40, wagon 10, house 400, barn 40, homestead 7 a. 400, B. Bates land 3½ a. 150, Taft land 1¾ a. 150.	15 74
Bates, Eli.	Two oxen \$130, 3 horses 350, 2 cows 60, 2 3-year-old steers 125, buggy 75, 1 do. 50, harness and sleigh 15, 300 cords wood 600, house 1,150, barn 1,000, horse barn 400, small barn 100, pump house 30, carriage house 50, homestead 68 a. 2,720, A. A. Taft land 4 a. 300, Flagg do. 18 1-2 a. 200, wood and sprout (Quissett) 117 a. 2,340, Comstock land 5 a. 70, Hall	116 63

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
do.	10 a. 130, Rawson do. 8 a. 160.	
Burr, Ezekiel P.	Horse \$35, 2 cows 80, 1 2-year-old heifer 25, 1 yearling 15, pasture and wood land 12 a. 150.	\$5 48
Burr, Henry M.		2 00
Bates, Geo. E.		2 00
Bills, Maria S.		50
Bicknell, Mary.	One-third house \$167, 1-3 barn 67, 1-3 shop 17, 1-3 homestead 8 2-3 a. 284.	6 10
Bicknell, Mary, Guardian.	Two-thirds house \$333, 2-3 barn 133, 2-3 shop 33, 2-3 homestead 17 1-3 a. 566.	12 14
Bates, Edwin.	Cow 50, house 1,000, barn 100, homestead 100 a. 1,700.	34 49
Bates, Elias T.	Three horses \$250, cow 40, 1 do. 10, 2 3-year-old steers 100, 1 swine 15, beach wagon 50, carriage 25, carriage and harness 15, double harness 15, house 1,000, barn 200, wagon house 100, homestead 14 a. 650, W. Cook land 11 a. 400, Newhall land 5 a. 125, Sprague meadow 6 a. 200.	38 43
Bates, Lewis.	Horse \$100, 8 cows 280. top buggy and harness 50, set double harness 25, house 800, barn and shed 400, shop 100, homestead 66 a. 1,452, Beach Island, 7 a. 100, 1-2 wigwam land 5 a. 50, Lazelle pasture 9 a. 100.	41 41
Bills, Davis.	Money unsecured \$1,000, horse 50, carriage and harness 75, wagon 15, house 450, barn 400, crib 25, wood-house 40, homestead 52 a. 1,400, wood land 15 a. 350.	45 38
Barrows, Evelyn M.	House \$700, barn 300, house lot 1-8 a. 50, Tyler Daniels' wood lot 8 a. 140.	13 57
Barrows, Frank E.	Horse \$25, carriage 35	2 68
Bemis, Frank E.		2 00
Casey, Thomas F.	Two horses \$150, carriage 50, wagon, sleigh and harness 40, buggy 10.	4 85
Casey, Michael.	Cow \$30, house 350, barn 120. shop 25, crib 25, homestead 11 a. 560, A. A. Taft land 22 a. 500.	20 35



NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX
Cook, Stephen.	Two cows, \$80, wagon 20, house 40 <sup>0</sup> , barn 250, Holbrook house 200, barn 100, Anthony house 200, shop do. 15, homestead 32 a. 800, Arnold meadow 2 1-2 a. 62, C. Cook do. 1 6-10 a. 100, P. Wheeler lot 5 1-2 a. 250, Holbrook lot 3 a. 125, Anthony do. 1-4 a. 40.	\$32 12
Crawford, Hugh.....		2 00
Cunningham, Owen.	Two cows, \$50, 1 swine 12, horse 50, house 200, barn 40, homestead 33½ a. 575, Fletcher land 5 a. 125.	14 00
Cook, Susan A.	Money \$1000.....	11 40
Cook, Lowell C.	Money \$600, horse 50, buggy and harness 40, buggy 10, house 550, 2 barns 275, crib 30, paint shop 100, homestead 30 a. 580, Tyler Daniels wood land 8 a. 320, Thayer wood land 8 a. 140.	32 72
Cook, Gilbert.	Two oxen \$130, horse 40, 2 cows 50, 3 (farrow) cows 60, 1 2-year-old 15, 3 yearlings 32, 1 bull 16, 2 swine 30, house 600, barn 100, house, Darling place, 200, barn 25, paint shop 25, shed 50, homestead 48¼ a. 970, pasture and sprout land 22 a. 600, D. Pickering land, 2 a. 60, A. Cook land 12 a. 225, orchard, Quissett road, 15 a. 375, A. A. Cook wood land 10 a. 400, O. Cook land 6 a. 375, A. A. Chilson land, ¾ a. 50.	52 48
Cook, Aldrich B.	Horse \$75, 2 cows 70, carriage 75, wagon and harness 20, house 550, barn 175, homestead 18½ a. 575, sprout land 5 a. 100.	20 70
Cook, Alderman C.	Horse \$150, cow 50, buggy and harness 25, sleigh 10, house 800, barn 125, barn 75, house lot 3-8 a. 60, Dexter meadow 4 a. 60, Judson lot 3½ a. 350.	21 44
Cook, Ariel.	House 300, barn 125, wood-house 50, homestead 30 a. 840, woodland 43 a. 1,000, wood and sprout land 29 a. 650, Muddy Brook meadow 2a. 60.	36 49
Coleman, Thomas F.....		2 00

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Coleman, Mary.	Two oxen \$100, horse 125, 1 do. 15, 8 cows 280, house 650, barn 200, shop and shed 50, crib and wood-house 50, homestead 81 a. 2.000.	\$39 56
Cummings, Lorraine P.	.....	2 00
Cummings, Nancy M.	House \$250, house lot $\frac{3}{8}$ a. 100, Judson land $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 75.	4 85
Comstock, William H.	House \$1.900, barn 100, house lot 4 a. 600.	31 64
Cook, Stephen W.	Horse \$30, harness 10.....	2 46
Cunnabell, James H.	.....	2 00
Coleman, Washington	.....	2 00
Cross, John	.....	2 00
Coyne, Daniel.	Horse \$50; cow 30, 2 swine 14, wagon and harness 40, sleigh 10, house 350, barn 50, homestead 14 a. 350, corner lot $2\frac{1}{4}$ a. 225.	14 76
Coyne, John	.....	2 00
Cornwell, Jacob.	Horse \$75, cow 45, 1 2-year-old heifer 35, 1 yearling 12, 3 swine 30, wagon 10, house 600, barn 200, carriage house and crib 50, hen house 20, homestead 8 1-2 a. 212, Aldrich land 5 a. 50.	17 26
Chilson, Hiram C	Horse \$100, carriage and harness 60.	3 82
Chilson, Olive A.	House \$150, barn 50, homestead 71 a. 700.	10 26
Cook, Lyman.	One-half Lewis Cook lot 3 1-2 a. \$35, 1-2 of Willard Chilson lot 5 a. 25.	2 68
Cook, Lyman and Francis E.	House \$250, barn 200, homestead 100 a. 1.500.	22 23
Cook, Sylvester.	House \$300, house lot 1-4 a. 25, Chilson meadow 6 a. 200.	7 99
Curley, John.	Horse \$50, 2 cows 70, house 250, barn 50, homestead 7 a. 200, Davenport land 2 1-2 a. 300, Carey land 1-2 a. 20.	12 72
Cooley, Samuel A.	Two horses \$50, 2 cows 70, phaeton 10.	3 48
Cook, Clark.	Horse \$25, wagon 40, house 300, barn 200, homestead 40 a. 600, J. Cook land 56 a. 1030, Plain	38 33

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
do.	11 a. 132, A. Cook wood land 22 a. 660, S. P. Bicknell wood land 7 a. 200.	
Coe, Martin		\$2 00
Davenport, Austin D.	Horse \$150, 13 cows 390, 2 carriages 150; buggy 25, harness and sleigh 15.	10 32
Dixon, Edward.	Horse \$75, cow 25, 2 yearlings 20, wagon and sleigh 30, house 150, barn 100, homestead 8 1-2 a. 470.	11 92
Daley, William		2 00
Daniels, Leon.	House \$150, shop 25, homestead 15 1-2 a. 210.	6 39
Darling, Lucy.	House \$500, barn 150, wood-house 20, homestead 18 a. 324, exempt 500.	5 63
Dudley, Silas.	Two oxen \$100, horse 75, 2 cows 120, 3 (farrow) 90, 3 yearlings 30, 4 swine 40, carriage 40, wagon and sleigh 25, house, hotel, 1000, 2 barns 800, slaughter house 150, shop 75, homestead 44 a. 3,100, wood land 4 a. 100.	67 50
Darling, Homer W.	Two horses \$200, 16 cows 640, carriage 50, buggy and harness 20, sleigh 10, house 1,600, barn 500, small barn 100, crib 50, homestead 23 a. 1,445.	54 61
Davenport, Marshall E.	House \$250, barn and shed 100, homestead 60 a. 850.	15 68
Darling, Geo. H.		2 00
Davenport, John L.	Two cows \$70, house 555, wood-house 50, barn 100, house lot 1 a. 100.	11 92
Daniels, Nathan G.	Money \$700, 2 oxen 150, 2 steers 60, 2 cows (farrow) 50, 2 cows 60, 4 yearlings 44, bull 20, 2-year-old colt 35, swine 20, 2 do. 16, buggy and harness 45, house, home place, 600, barn do. 250, crib and shed 50, house, Lovell place, 150, barn do. 100, house, T. B. Gunn place, 700, house, old poor farm 250, barn do. 100, hen and wood-house 25, new building poor farm 25, 1-2 house Kinsley place 400, barn do. 300, homestead 106 a. 3,180,	140 17



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	homestead, Lovell place 55 a. 1,100, house lot, T. B. Gunn place 3-8 a. 133, house lot Emeline Gunn place 3-16 a. 67, 1-2 house lot, Kinsley place, 1-4 a. 100, Fairbanks pasture 27 a. 675, mile rock pasture 7 a. 200, Wheelock swamp 14 a. 450, Pond hill wood lot 12 a. 500, R. Taft land 1-2 a. 10, wood and sprout land 20 a. 450, saw mill piece 3 a. 50, Olive and Mary land 13 1-2 a. 200, Reuben Taft sprout land 1 1-2 a. 15, I. W. Cook land 3 a. 75, Aldrich land 3 a. 15, house, Emeline Gunn place, 250, homestead, old poor farm, 30 a. 500.	
Daniels, Mary A.	Money unsecured \$700.....	\$7 98
Daniels, Mary A.	Trustee, money unsecured \$700.....	7 98
Dudley, Silas A.	Horse \$100, carriage and harness 75..	4 00
Darling, James E.	Horse \$60, cow 40, 1 yearling 10, buggy and harness 10.	3 39
Dudley, Edward.	Two oxen \$135, horse 125, 12 cows 470, 2 2-year-old heifers 60, 5 yearlings 50, 6 swine 48, house 1800, barn 1500, homestead 60a. 3200, Andrews pasture 19 a. 650.	93 63
Davenport, Adaline A.	House \$1100, 2 barns 1300, shed 100, shop 30, carriage house 40, cider mill 200, crib 25, hen house 25, homestead 212 a. 6360.	104 65
Ellis, Timothy.	House \$350, barn 75, house lot 1½ a. 75. Exempt 500.	2 00
Ellis, Timothy and Charles G. R.	Stock in trade \$375, horse 25, carriage 15, sleigh and harness 20.	4 96
Esty, Alice.	House \$600, barn 500, carriage and ice house 75, homestead 120 a. 2325.	39 90
Edwards, Oscar B	Horse \$50, 2 cows 70, wagon 20....	3 60
Foley, Michael.	House \$250, house lot 1 a. 50.....	5 42
Ford, George R.	Horse \$45, wagon and harness 15, ell to house 100.	3 82
Ford, George R., Executor.	House, L. Stone place, \$600 barn 150, crib 25, homestead 7½ a. 375, A. Cook wood land 17 a. 325, C. Cook meadow 8-10 a. 25.	17 10

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Freeman, Liberty.	Horse \$200, 1 do. 25, buggy and harness 35, house 550, wood-house 25, barn 150, house lot 3 a. 100.	\$14 37
Freeman, Caroline.	Three cows \$120, house 500, barn 350, small house 150, crib 15, shop 25, hen house 50, homestead 68½ a. 1625, house lot ⅛ a 10	32 44
Freeman, Alanson.	Horse \$20, 2 swine 14, wagon and harness 15.	2 56
Fletcher, Charles A.	Horse \$75, 5 cows 200, 11 sheep 74, wagon 20, house 50, barn 75, homestead 41 a. 900.	17 90
Fowler, John M.	Two oxen, \$100, 2 steers 90, 1 cow 30, 3 (farrow) cows 65, 1 horse 75, house 800, barn 150, crib 30, wood-house 40, carriage house 15, homestead 102 a. 21.40.	42 30
Grady, Martin.	Horse \$75, 2 cows 60, 1 yearling 12, wagon 20, sleigh 10, house 400, barn and shed 50, homestead 6 a. 220, pasture and sprout land 8a. 160.	13 48
Gilpin, Edward.	Horse \$30, 2 cows 60, wagon 50, buggy 20, house 150, barn and shed 75, hen house 25, homestead 20 a. 450, Thayer land 1½ a. 30, Daniels land 1 a. 35.	12 54
Gaskill, Alcy M.	Two oxen \$150, horse 100, 2-year-old heifer 25, 3 cows 120, 2 swine 20, wagon and harness 20, house 500, barn 150, crib 20, homestead 55 a. 1200, Arnold Wood land 21 a. 945, Dam swamp sprout land 10 a. 150, Mowrey pasture 8 a. 100.	39 90
Gaskill, Arthur L.		2 00
Gould, Willis.	Two cows \$65, house 850, barn 75, wood-house 25, homestead 59 a. 1130.	26 45
Gaskill, Micajah C.	House \$700, wood-house 50, homestead 6 a. 240.	15 29
Goss, Liberty.	Horse \$50, cow 30, wagon 15, house 600, barn 150, shop 100, homestead 23½ a. 750.	21 32
Goss, Charles B.	Horse \$25, carriage and harness 30, buggy 15.	2 80
Gaskill, Jesse		2 00

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Gunn, Francis B. T .....		\$2 00
Gunn, Emeline M. Horse \$75, 2-year-old heifer 15, carriage and harness 40, house, V. Taft place, 250, barn 100, wood-house 35, homestead 58½ a. 600.		12 71
Gunn, Timothy B. W .....		2 00
Gunn, Selim W .....		2 00
Gunn, Francis F .....		2 00
Gassett, William G. House \$500, shop 50, house lot ¼ a. 75.		9 13
Goss, Samuel .....		2 00
Gaskill, Walter A. Two oxen \$150 .....		3 71
George, Abbie F. Two B. & A.R.R. bonds, sixes, \$2.385		27 19
George, Julius A. Money unsecured \$6,050, money on hand and deposit 197½, 42 shares Northern Pacific R. R. preferred stock 1680, 1 Cheshire R. R. bond, sixes, 1085, machinery 100, horse 250, 1 do. 100, 2 top buggies 250, open do. 50, 2 sleighs 40, 4 harnesses 60, house 1500, barn 800, crystal palace 400, wood-house 25, wood-house (home) 100, boot shop 1500, homestead 14¾ a. 1260, crystal palace lot ¾ a. 100.		199 47
Gaskill, Milo A .....		2 00
Gassett, Edward E .....		2 00
Gabry, Eli F. Horse \$10 .....		2 11
Gabry, Charles .....		2 00
Gabry, George H .....		2 00
George, Nathan R. Money unsecured \$4,850, 2 oxen 150, 3 cows 120, 4 do. 120, 2 horses 125, 1 yearling 15, carriage 125, phaeton 50, express wagon 50, open buggy 40, 2 sleighs 30, 5 harnesses 60, house 1,500, old house 50, office 100, shop and shed 75, carriage house 125, barn and shed 1,500, old barn 125, homestead 36 a. 1,727, cranberry and wood land 13 a. 650, Miscoe Hill 24 a. 580, Claflin land 7-8 a. 100, Street-er land 23 a. 460.		149 09
Gaskill, Albert W. Two oxen \$150, 5 2-year-old steers 125, 2 yearlings 30, horse 35, 1 2-year-old colt 65, 2		118 50



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	swine 20, 5 cows (farrow) 125, 6 cows 180, 1 do. 50, express wagon 10, buggy and harness 15, sleigh 5, house 1,100, barn 500, crib and shed 35, wood-house 75, piggery 20, barn Barrows' place 150, wood-house do. 25, house Thayer place 600, barn do. 120, shop do. 50, homestead 111 a. 4,180, Arnold wood lot 48 a. 1300, Howard do. 10 a. 125, Huldah do. 16 a. 200, Kittery lot 19 a. 380, house lot Barrows' place 18 a. 450, house lot Thayer place 1 a. 100.	
Gaskill, Gilbert.	Two oxen \$150, horse 40. 2 cows 80, wagon and sleigh 10, house 1,300, barn 150, shed and corn house 25, homestead 57 a. 1.600.	\$40 25
Goldthwait, Henry M.	Horse \$20, carriage and harness 25.	2 51
Greene, Embert R.	Horse \$25, cow 25.....	2 57
George, Melissa U.	.....	50
Hill, Erastus.	Two oxen \$120, 5 cows 150, 10 sheep 40, 2 swine 16, house 500, barn 175, crib and shop 50, homestead, S. Pratt 17 a. 425, pasture and meadow 38 a. 700, Round meadow 10 a. 200, wood and sprout land 24 a. 300, S. Pratt sprout land 1 a. 15, Round meadow S. Pratt 5 a. 125.	34 11
Harrington, Edward.....		2 00
Hastings, William S.	Wood and sprout land 28 a. \$550	8 27
Hastings, Anna A.	House home place \$950, house Barber place 550, barn and wood-house on home place 100, home lot Howe 6-10 a. 150, house lot Barber place $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100.	21 09
Holmes, John.	Horse \$30, wagon 15, house 400, barn 25, house lot $\frac{3}{8}$ a. 75.	8 21
Holmes, Rebecca L.	Money unsecured \$400.....	4 56
Holbrook, Luther.....		2 00
Henry, William .....		2 00
Hill, Davis.	Two oxen \$140, 1 horse 15, 3 cows 120, 7 do. 245, wagon and harness 10, house 500, barn, old, 150, new barn 150, crib 25, homestead 117 a. 2250.	43 10

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Hill, Obadiah W.....		\$2 00
Hazard, Rufus. One swine \$9.....		2 10
Hazard, Jane. House \$275, shop 25, house lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 75		4 28
Holbrook, David F. Horse \$60, 6 cows 210, 2 swine 20, wagon 65, sleigh and harness 15, house 125, barn 100, hen house 75, homestead 72 a. 929.		20 23
Hourd, Bryan. One cow \$30.....		2 34
Halloran, Dennis. House \$250, barn 50, homestead 10 a. 160, Lee land 4 a. 120, A. Taft land 7 a. 280.		11 80
Holbrook, Henry A. House \$500, barn 75, shop 40, house lot $\frac{3}{8}$ a. 50.		9 58
Hill, Mary W. House \$600, wood-house 25, house lot $\frac{3}{8}$ a. 50.		7 70
Hill, Mary W., Trustee. Money unsecured, \$1000.....		11 40
Hastings, Horatio N. House \$200, house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 25.....		2 57
Hayward, Mary M., heirs of. Slocom pasture $11\frac{3}{4}$ a. \$300		3 42
Hayward, W. Franklin.....		2 00
Howe, Charles H. House \$400, barn 125, shed and crib 30, homestead 43 a. 645.		15 68
Hayward, John R. Horse \$15, cow 25, 1 yearling 15, wagon and sleigh 10, house 500, barn 100, $\frac{1}{2}$ house Hayward place 200, shop do. 25, homestead $9\frac{1}{2}$ a. 500, house lot Hayward place $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 75, Plain land 8 a. 100, Mill river meadow 2 2-5 a. 45.		20 35
Hall, Robert. Horse \$20, cow 20, house 100, house lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100.		4 74
Hoard, Thomas. Cow \$35, house 300, barn 50, shop 25, homestead 50 a. 600,		13 52
Horton, John S. Horse \$50, 2 cows 60, 1 yearling 15, ex- press wagon 25.		3 71
Horton, Almira W. House \$50, barn 100, Davis land 21 a. 850, $\frac{1}{2}$ Willard Chilson land 5 a. 25, $\frac{1}{2}$ L. A. Cook land $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 35.		12 08
Hayward, Sally. Tyler Daniels wood land 8 a. 140.....		1 60
Hourd, John. House 150, barn 50, house lot 2 a. 100		3 42
Inman, Otis R.....		2 00

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Inman, Henry F.....		\$2 00
Judson, Andrew W.	Horse \$150, wagon 25, carriage 40, sleigh and harness 20.	4 68
Jennison, John.	Money unsecured, \$300 .....	5 42
Jennison, George W.	Horse \$75, 1 do. 50, 4 cows 140, 1 yearling 15, 3 swine 20, carriage 60, harness and sleigh 25, house 500, barn 100, carriage house 20, homestead 27 a. 1350.	28 85
Kinsley, Edward C.	Horse \$75, buggy and harness 40, house 1400, barn 25, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100, Steward cranberry meadow $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 400.	25 26
Kinsley, William S.	Wagon and harness \$35.....	2 40
Kelley, William D.	Horse, \$20, 2 swine 14, wagon and sleigh 30, house 300, barn 200, homestead $5\frac{1}{2}$ a. 230, stone land $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100.	12 19
Lawrence, Abbott N.....		2 00
Leshure, Susan A.	House \$450, wood-house 25, house lot 1 a. 150. Exempt 500.	1 43
Lowell, George F.	House \$550, shop 25, wood-house 50, house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 100.	12 27
Lowell, Charles.....		2 00
Lane, John.	House \$350, house lot 1 a. 100. Exempt.	
Leshure, George W.....		2 00
Morris, Peter.	Two cows \$80.....	2 91
Morris, Alice.	House \$550, barn 50, house lot 1 a. 100, Wheelock land $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100, Freeman pasture 3 a. 60, cranberry meadow 2 a. 100.	10 94
Metcalf, John G.	Money unsecured \$300, house 500, office and wood-house 125, barn 75, house lot 3 7-12 a. 470, woodland 5 a. 250.	21 61
Mellen, John B.....		2 00
Mellen, Sally.	Wood and sprout land 19 a. 250: Exempt.	
Moore, Joseph C.....		2 00
Moore, Oliver S.....		2 00
Metcalf, Sarah A.	House \$650, shop and wood-house 50, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100.	9 12



NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
McKenna, James.	Horse \$50, cow 35, swine 20, 1 do. 6, wagon 40, sleigh and harness 20.	\$3 95
McKenna, Ellen.	House \$450, barn 100, homestead 12 a. 400, swamp 3 a. 50.	11 40
Martin, Joseph.	Two horses \$40, cow 40, house 350, barn 100, 2 shops 75, homestead 26 a. 475.	14 31
Merritt, Lorey A.	.....	2 00
Moores, Sylvester	.....	2 00
Mann, Charlotte A. J.	One Milford & Woonsocket R. R. bond, \$1,000.	11 40
Mann, S. H.	.....	2 00
Miskill, Michael.	Horse \$20, 3 cows 75, yearling 10, 1-2 house 75, barn 75, homestead 12 a. 360.	9 01
Martin, Ruel K.	Two horses \$30, cow 40, 1 swine 12..	2 93
Macker, George W.	Horse \$10, swine 10.....	2 23
Mongur, Felix.	House \$650, house lot 1-4 a. 50.....	9 98
Mason, Alonzo F.	.....	2 00
Nutter, James J.	Horse \$150, 4 cows 160, 3 cows 105, 2 2-year-old heifers 35, buggy 75, wagon and harness 50, house 1,400, barn 550, homestead 45 a. 1,930.	52 79
Nelson, William W.	Horse \$75, 4 cows 150, 1 2-year-old heifer 20, 1 swine 12, carriage 60, wagon and harness 30, sleigh and harness 20, house 750, barn and shed 300, homestead 24 a. 1000, wood land $7\frac{1}{4}$ a. 185.	31 66
Newhall, James M.	House \$1100, barn 125, shop 50, house lot $1\frac{5}{8}$ a. 150, orchard lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 26, Bullard land 1 a. 30.	18 88
Newhall, Julia A.	1 horse \$30, buggy and harness 30,	68
Pond, Hollis.	Money \$500. Exempt.	
Pond, Elma M.	House \$650, wood-house 50, house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50, $\frac{1}{2}$ of $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. meadow 100, 5-16 a. meadow 16, 4-5 a. meadow 35, 5-32 a. meadow 16, $1\frac{1}{8}$ a. meadow 50.	11 02
Parkhurst, Horace H.	.....	2 00
Pond, Alexander V. G.	.....	2 00

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Pond, Julia E.	Money unsecured \$125, 2 horses 100, 4 cows 120, 1 2-year-old heifer 25, carriage 10, wagon, harness and sleigh 20, top buggy 10, house 800, small do. 300, barn and shed 300, crib 20, shop 10, shops, Young place, 100, homestead 50 a. 1500, wood and sprout land 30 a. 800, pasture 27 a. 650, Young place $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 100.	\$56 88
Parker, Henry A.	Horse \$50, carriage and harness 30.	2 91
Parker, Forrest.....		2 00
Pickering, Phoebe.	Money unsecured \$1000,.....	11 40
Porter, Aaron .....		4 00
Parker, Daniel.....		2 00
Pierce, Thomas.....		2 00
Quigley, James.	Horse \$100, cow 30, 1 (farrow) do. 25, carriage 20, democrat wagon 60, sleigh and harness 12, house 800, barn 200, 1-2 house 175, homestead 40 a. 800, 1-2 house lot Quigley place 1-8 a. 25, school house lot 8 a. 250.	30 47
Quigley, Timothy.....		2 00
Quigley, Ellen.	One-half house \$175, 1-2 house lot 1-8 a. 25. Exempt.	
Rawson, George, estate of.	House \$800, barn 50, wood-house 10, house lot 1-2 a. 150.	11 57
Ross, Warren, estate of.	Duck rock pasture 1 1-2 a. \$15.	17
Richardson, Susan M.	House \$550, barn 50, house lot 3-4 a. 65.	7 58
Richardson, David M.....		2 00
Rockwood, Jotham C.....		2 00
Rockwood, Estelle C.	Horse \$15, buggy 15.....	34
Staples, Gustavus A.....		2 00
Staples, Silas A.....		2 00
Smith, Sophinian W.....		2 00
Smith, Luana.	Two houses \$200, wood-house 15, house lot 2 a. 100. Exempt.	
Staples, Deborah.	Money unsecured \$400, house 300,	5 02

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
	house lot 1 a. 50, Kempton lot 2 a. 50, N. Staples lot 14 a. 140. Exempt \$500.	
Southwick, Alonzo L .....		\$2 00
Scisco, Stephen H .....		2 00
Southwick, Andre. Two oxen \$100, 2 horses 100, 10 cows 350, 2 2-year-old heifers 40, carriage and harness 25, house 800, barn 300, shed 50, crib 25, carriage house 25, hen house 250, homestead 70 a. 1675, Holland Place 69 a. 1150, sprout land Sayles place 10 a. 175.		59 74
Southwick, Willis. Horse \$20, 2 cows 50, 1 2-year-old heifer 35, 1 swine, 10, wagon and harness 25, house 300, barn 100, wagon house 20, house Taft place 900, homestead 38 a. 760, sprout land 6 a. 100, house lot Taft place 1 a. 30.		28 78
Swan, Willard H. Three horses \$175, 1 2-year-old heifer 25, carriage 20, sleigh and harness 20, house Swan place 100, barn 75, steam mill 850, carpenter shop 50, box shop 850, homestead Swan place 8 a. 270.		29 75
Swan, Hannah S. Two-thirds of house \$267, barn 100, homestead 39 3-4 a. 800, Hawes land 6 a. 250.		16 15
Scribner, Abram P. Horse \$100, 2 do. 100, stage coach 50, sleigh coach 25, new stage coach 125, buggy and sleigh 20, house 700, barn and shed 350, house lot 2-5 a. 90.		19 78
Smith, Edward L. Horse \$100, buggy 75, sleigh and harness 10.		4 11
Scriven, Joseph. Four cows \$150, 1 yearling 15, 1 horse 100, buggy 30.		5 36
Scriven, George .....		2 00
Sherin, David, estate of. House \$450, barn 150, wood-house and shop 50, homestead 11 a. 350.		11 40
Spaulding, Brigham. House \$1200, barn 500, wash-house 75, house lot 2 a. 250.		25 09
Snow, Erwin A. One swine \$8 .....		2 09
Snow, Elkanah. House \$800, barn 250, house lot 3-4 a. 150.		15 68



NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Spofford, Adoniram J.	2 horses \$100, 3 cows 100, 3 do. 75, 1 yearling heifer 15, top buggy 35, carriage and harness 25, wagon 20, house 1000, barn 250, wood-house 50, homestead 45 a. 120.	\$34 72
Staples, James M.	Horse \$40, 4 cows 120, 1 do. 25, 2 shoats 20, carriage and harness 20, express wagon 20, house, Thayer place, 550, barn 150, house at farm 400, barn do. 300, carriage house do. 75, house, Dennis Wheelock place, 200, barn do. 200, house lot, Thayer place, $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 35, homestead 106 a. 1700, Dennis Wheelock land 15 a. 300, pasture $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50, Fletcher land 1 a. 50, Dam Swamp land 3 a. 30.	50 85
Southwick, Edward L.	House, Eliza Mowrey place, \$450, old house 100, crib and shed 50, barn 300, homestead, E. Mowrey place, 75 a. 2000, B. F. Aldrich land 3 a. 100.	34 20
Spooner, Peleg.	Horse \$50, wagon 20.....	2 80
Tucker, George W.....		2 00
Tucker, Emeline.	Estate of $\frac{1}{2}$ Cook land 3 a. \$75.....	86
Thayer, Martin.	Horse \$35, buggy and harness 15, house, Fletcher place, 150, homestead 7 a. 100, Freeman pasture 4 a. 35.	5 82
Towne, Nathan.	Stock in trade \$500, horse 125, wagon and harness 40.	9 58
Towne, Sarah F.	One-half house, Kinsley place \$300, $\frac{1}{2}$ house lot $\frac{1}{8}$ a. 50, $\frac{1}{2}$ of Gardiner land 6 a. 100, Green land 4 1-16 a. 32, sprout and wood land $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 300, Wheelock sprout and wood land 5 a. 75, Brown do. 2 a. 100, Legg do. 2 a. 30.	11 25
Taft Austin A.	Money unsecured \$1200, 2 oxen 125, 1 horse 75, 4 cows 130, 1 swine 15, carriage 75, wagon 50, sleigh and harness 15, house 550, barn 150, carriage house and shed 100, crib 30, barn Alvin place 100, homestead 56 a. 2000, Alvin land 62 a. 1580.	72 39
Taft, George M.	Carriage \$10.....	2 11
Taft, Joanna W.	House \$250, Davenport land 7 a. 500	8 55

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Taft, Edward H.	Four horses \$375, 15 cows 525, 2 yearlings 25, 7 swine 60, democrat wagon 25, carriage and harness 25, house 600, barn 150, shop and shed 45, Davenport house 1500, barn do. 400, homestead 16 a. 800, sprout land 8 a. 280, Fletcher land $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 70, Leonard Taft land $3\frac{1}{4}$ a. 40, do. 35 a. 525, Davenport pasture and wood land 66 a. 660, George Ford land $4\frac{3}{4}$ a. 40, Goss swamp 6 a. 200, Davenport homestead $33\frac{1}{2}$ a. 900.	\$84 59
Taft, Francis F.	One horse \$100, cow 30, wagon and sleigh 25, house 450, barn 150, wagon house 80, crib 50, tool house 20, house lot $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. 175, Wheelock land 6 a. 360, Mathewson lot 5 a. 700.	26 40
Taft, Frank.	One cow \$30, 2 swine 30, house 1500, barn 150, house lot 3 a. 500, pasture 5 a. 400.	31 75
Taft, Jonathan R.	Horse \$100, cow 35, buggy 40, sleigh and harness 30, house 900, barn 400, carriage house 150, homestead 14 a. 450, cranberry meadow 2 a. 50.	26 57
Taft, Putnam W.	Horse \$15, cow 15, 3 do. 60, carriage and harness 20, $\frac{1}{2}$ house 300, $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 75, $\frac{1}{2}$ wood-house 37, $\frac{1}{2}$ shop 10, $\frac{1}{2}$ of homestead $12\frac{1}{2}$ a. 325, pasture and wood land 60 a. 1950, wood and sprout land 30 a. 900.	44 26
Taft, Althea A.	One fourth Albee land 6 a. \$100. Exempt.	
Taft, Mary E.	One-fourth Albee land 6 a. \$100. Exempt.	
Taft, Ada C.	One-fourth Albee land 6 a. \$100. Exempt.	
Taft, Helen M.	One-fourth Albee land 6 a. \$100. Exempt.	
Taft, Luther E.	Two oxen \$135, horse 150, 2 steers 90, 10 cows 350, 3 2-year-old heifers 60, 3 yearlings 36, 3 sheep 15, 7 swine 75, wagon and harness 70, house 700, 2 barns 400, crib 25, tool-house 25, cider-mill 350, shop 20, hen house 50, 2 barns, Davenport, 200, homestead 70 a. 1750, saw-mill wood land 10 a. 250, wood and sprout land 26 a. 1,800, meadow 9 a. 250, A. Taft land 45 a. 1500, A. A. Taft land 47 a. 750, Davenport land 110 a. 2300.	131 40

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Taft, Alanson.....		\$2 00
Taft, Elizabeth W.	One horse \$50, 1 do. 20, 1 cow 30, 1 yearling 12, carriage and harness 30, house 1,100, barn and shed 250, homestead 55 a. 1,400, wood and sprout land 19 a. 400.	37 53
Taft, William J.....		2 00
Taft, Samuel H.	Two oxen \$125, horse 40, 7 cows 245, 2 steers 2-years-old 50, 2 steers, yearlings, 20, sleigh and harness 10, house 800, barn 450, small house 100, saw mill 300, crib 30, homestead 130 a. 2,720, sprout land 5 a. 100, Alanson Taft land 5 1-2 a. 50.	59 46
Taft, Thompson.	Two oxen \$125, horse 50, two cows 60, 2 2-year-old heifers 40, wagon and harness 15, house 500, barn and shed 275, crib 25, shed and wash-house 70, homestead 103 a. 1,630.	33 81
Taft, James E.....		2 00
Taft, Waterman.	Two 3-year-old steers \$100, 2 cows 75, horse 40, wagon and harness 20, barn and shed 450, crib 25, slaughter house 50, homestead 103 a. 2,060.	34 15
Taft, Martha W.	House \$1,000, wood-house 200, black- smith shop 25, small house 150, shoe shop 40, 1-3 of A. Taft estate 40 a. 800, sprout land 8 a. 128.	26 71
Thayer, Jarvis.	Horse \$50, 2 cows 70, buggy and har- ness 35, house 175, barn 175, wood-house and shop 75, crib 20, homestead 32 a. 725.	17 11
Taft, Leonard E.....		2 00
Thompson, Charles E.....		2 00
Taft, Mason.	One horse \$200.....	2 28
Wood, Elizabeth.	House \$450, barn 100, swine-house 20, house lot 1½ a. 150. Exempt \$500.	2 51
Williams, Charles B.	Four horses, \$350, 4 cows 120, top buggy 75, Concord do. 50, house 800, barn 350, small barn 75, crib 20, homestead 24½ a. 1550, pasture 36 a. 500.	46 34
Wood, Henry W.	House, \$450, barn 75, house lot ¼ a. 50, wood land 1¾ a. 35, Fox lot ¾ a. 175, sprout land,	11 35



NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Pond hill $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. 35.		
Wood, Frank C.....		\$2 00
Whiting, William P. House \$600, barn 100, shop 60,		14 43
house lot 1 3-16 a. 110, cranberry meadow 5 1-16 a.		
200, do. 4-10 a. 20.		
Wheeler, Paul A. Two swine \$18, house 550, barn 50,		12 53
wood-house 50, coal house 10, house lot 1 1-16 a. 165,		
meadow and upland 3 a. 80.		
Wilber, George. House and barn \$100, house lot 1 a. 50.		5 71
Wilber, Louisa. One horse \$75, wagon and harness 20,		15 79
house 600, barn 150, homestead 11 a. 540.		
Wilber, Oscar F.....		2 00
Williams, Robert P. One horse \$40, yearling 12, wagon		15 14
and harness 20, house 300, barn 100, homestead 34 a.		
680.		
Wood. Perry. Two oxen \$175, 2 3-year-old steers 125,		71 94
4 cows 140, horse 50, express wagon and sleigh 30,		
buggy and harness 75, house 1,000, 2 barns 425,		
shop 75, crib 30, new house 225, homestead 65 a. 2,-		
500, E. Wood land 18 1-2 a. 300, Pond Hill wood		
land 13 a. 195, Mowrey pasture 13 a. 350, Southwick		
wood land 19 a. 300, Torrey do. 10 a. 140.		
Wood, Frank H.....		2 00
Wood, John C. Two steers 3-year-old \$125, horse 100,		71 14
3 cows 135, buggy and harness 45, steamboat 175,		
house 500, barn 400, small house 250, wood-house and		
shop 30, cranberry house 100, crib 30, hall and alley		
300, ice-house 100, barn at grove 100, dining-hall 150,		
steamer house 25, homestead 104 a. 3,500.		
Wood, Perry and Austin. Seventy-five cords wood \$150,		18 75
house 450, wood-house 20, cranberry house 125,		
wood lot 32 a. 600, cranberry meadow 2 1-4 a. 300.		
Wood, Austin. Money unsecured \$3,000, house Linus		75 30
Staples place 500, barn do. 150, house Edward Sta-		
ples place 375, barn do. 125, homestead L. Staples 51		
a. 1130, wood and sprout land 21 a. 500, house lot E.		

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Staples 1-2 a. 50, Brown pasture 3 a. 50. 1-2 Gardiner land 6 a. 100, wood land 'Farnum' 5 a. 100, Benoni Staples land 17 a. 300, do. 3 a. 50.		
Worthen, Edward S.	Horse \$75, buggy and harness 30, house 800, barn 500, 1-2 house Hayward place 200, homestead 20 a. 500, Hayward land 63 a. 750.	\$34 55
Wilcox, Hamilton C.	Stock in trade \$500, machinery 200, 2 horses 90, buggy and harness 50, engine and boiler 450, house 900, barn 200, box shop and privilege 500, engine house 100, lumber house 50, homestead 6 a. 150, wood land 6 a. 150.	40 08
Wilcox, Samuel W.	Stock in trade \$300, machinery 400, horse 50, wagon and harness 40, house 500, shop 800, homestead 8 a. 450, Daniels lot 20 a. 450, wood and sprout land 20 a. 200.	38 42
Wilcox, Willard S.	Horse \$80, 2 cows 70, wagon and harness 25.	4 00
Wood, Lewis E.		2 00
Wood, Zalman G.	Money unsecured \$600, 2 3-year-old steers 125, 2 2-year-old steers 75, horse 100, 2 cows 80, 4 swine 32, 2 wagons 80, sleigh and harness 18, house 1500, barn 500, carriage house 250, hen house 150, wood-house 50, homestead 68 a. 2040, cranberry meadow 6 a. 1800, sprout land 5 a. 100, wood and sprout land 8 a. 200.	89 78
Warner, William W.	Cow 35	2 40
Williams, Gustavus B.	One horse 150, 3 cows 120, carriage 50, democrat wagon 25, sleigh and harness 25, house 700, Reed barn 50, house lot 1 a. 200, Reed land 6½ a. 600, Metcalf land 1 a. 75.	26 75
Williams, Gustavus B., Executor will of Bernette H. Williams.	House \$1600, barn \$300, wood-house 75, house lot 4½ a. 600, wood and sprout land 17 a. 544.	35 56
Williams, Gustavus B., and others, Trustees of Joy estate.	\$2000 C. B. & Q. R. R. bonds 7 p.c. \$2570	29 30
Weatherhead, Abel G.		2 00

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Weatherhead, Annette L.	House 400, house lot $\frac{1}{8}$ a. 50.	\$5 13
Wheelock, Rachel S.	Money unsecured \$1500, house 600, barn 75, house lot $\frac{5}{8}$ a. 188.	26 94
Wheeler, Lyman E.	1 cow \$35, horse 50, buggy and harness 25, house 450, barn 75, house lot 1 a. 100, Lyman Cook land 18 a. 300.	13 80
Wheeler, Frederick M.	Horse \$100, buggy and harness 50.	3 71
Wood, Edwin F.	House \$500, barn 150, shop 40, house lot 1 a. 150.	11 58
Wilcox, Willard S and Orrin C. Cook	Sprout land $14\frac{2}{5}$ a. \$145.	1 65
Wood, Elisha, Heirs of.	Wood land saw mill piece $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. \$25, $\frac{1}{2}$ Fox lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 175, wood land Pond Hill 3 a. 36, meadow $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 10, pasture 6 a. 120.	4 17
Wilcox, Edwin G.	House \$900, barn 150, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 150.	15 68
Whitney, Arthur N.	.....	2 00
Ward, Hiram	.....	2 00
White, Carroll E.	One horse \$75, colt 100, 2 colts 150, 2 cows 80, yearling heifer 15, express wagon 50.	7 36
Wood, Betsy.	House \$450, barn 150, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50. Exempt.	
Wilcox, Julia.	Hawes house, 1-3, \$100, Hawes land 10 a. 125.	2 57
Wilber, David	.....	2 00
Wilcox, Edwin G.	Administrator estate of Willard Wil- cox, money unsecured \$1000, wood land 16 a. 320,	15 05
Young, William L.	.....	2 00



## NON-RESIDENTS.

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NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Aldrich, Silas, Philadelphia, Pa.	House \$400, wood-house 25, house lot 1 1-4 a. 200, lower lot 2 a. 250, 1-2 14 a. sprout land 7 a. 175.	\$11 97
Aldrich, Joseph, Woonsocket, R. I.	Wood land 8 a. \$300..	3 42
Aldrich, Wheeler, heirs of, Uxbridge.	Sprout land 16 a \$250.	2 86
Aldrich, Anna S., Milford	House \$400, barn 100, shop 50, homestead 31 3-4 a. 900.	16 53
Aldrich, George, Blackstone.	Cranberry meadow and wood-land 5½ a. \$150, pasture and wood land 29 a. 350.	5 70
Arnold, Stephen, Providence, R. I.	Cranberry and sprout land 3½ a. \$100.	1 14
Aldrich, Frank D. and Henry M., Chelsea and Woburn.	One-half house \$700, 1-2 house lot 1-8 a. 50.	8 55
Angell, Mary E., Lonsdale, R. I.	Wood land 1 a. \$40.	46
Aldrich, Betsey, Jamestown, N. Y.	House \$450, wood-house 25, house lot 1-8 a. 50.	5 98
Bullard, Ellis, Bellingham.	Shop \$50, land 12 3-4 a. 308, A. Allen piece 3 1-4 a. 100, J. B. Scott land 4 a. 112.	6 50
Barber, Adams, J., Bellingham.	Wood land 5 a. \$100.	1 14
Bassett, Samuel S., Uxbridge.	Wood land 3½ a. \$150.	1 71
Blackstone, Town of.	Wood land 28 a. \$1400.....	15 96
Burdon, Aaron, Heirs of, Blackstone.	Woodland 2 a. \$100	1 14
Burbank, Harriet L., Somerville.	Sproutland 12 a. \$175.	1 99
Butler, Hiram P., Colorado.	Wood land, P. Hill, 10 a. \$200.	2 28
Bates, Henry G., Upton.	House \$800, barn 200, carriage and wood-house 100, saw-mill 200, homestead 66 a. 1452, 1-2 wigwam land 5 a. 50.	31 94

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Ballou, Levi W., Providence, R. I.	House \$650, barn 150, house lot, half acre, 50.	\$9 69
Barney & Son, Milford.	Sprout land 4 a. \$40 .....	46
Barrows, Hellen and Alice J. Hall, Milford.	House, S. G. Wilcox place, \$1500, barn do. 700, tillage and wood land, 60 a. 900.	35 34
Broughey, Michael, Milford.	House \$450, barn 400, crib 25, homestead 101 a 16.50.	28 79
Bibeaux, Felix, Woonsocket, R. I.	House \$125, barn 75, homestead 7 1-2 a. 200.	4 56
Carter, Richard, Uxbridge.	Wood land 20 a. \$500 .....	5 70
Claffin, Caroline, Blackstone.	Sprout land 4 a. 60 .....	68
Cook, Patrick. Boston.	House \$350, barn 100, shop and crib 60, homestead 21½ a. 430.	10 72
Cook, Edward E., Milford.	Hastings meadow 19 a. \$550 orchard 1 a. 125.	7 70
Capron, Carlisle W., Woonsocket, R. I.	Wood and sprout land 55 a. \$1100.	12 54
Childs, Charles H., heirs of, Providence, R. I.	House \$850, barn 100, house lot 1-2 a. 125.	12 26
Cook, Alonzo A., Milford.	Sprout land and cranberry meadow 16 a. \$350, A. C. Cook land 1-2 a. 40.	4 45
Cook, Hiram, heirs of, Bellingham.	Sprout land 1¾ a. \$35.	40
Cook, Stephen, Providence, R. I.	C. Cook meadow 4-5 a. \$25.	29
Clark, Orrin F., Blackstone.	House \$250, barn 40, house lot 2 1-2 a. 65.	4 05
Cook, Jarvis, Bellingham.	Barn \$225, slaughter house 225, shed 100, land 12 a. 650.	13 68
Cook, Hiram E., Southboro.	House \$400, barn 100, land 65 a. 1040.	17 56
Darling, Lucy A.	Wood and sprout land 30 a. \$400, E. E. Cook sprout land 8 a. 140.	6 16
Davis, Isaac N., Milford.	Sprout land 4 a. \$72, wood land 16 1-2 a. 495.	6 46

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Daniels, Moses A., Blackstone.	Wood and sprout land 6 a. \$240.	\$2 74
Daniels, Louis R., Blackstone.	Wood and sprout land 34 $\frac{2}{3}$ a. \$587.	6 69
Daniels, Hiram, heirs of, Blackstone.	Meadow 4 a. \$100 Holbrook land 6 a. 380.	5 47
Daniels, Marcena, Union, Conn.	House \$550, shop 75, house lot 1 a. 75, Taft and Esty land 1 1-2 a. 80, wood land West hill 10 a. 200, Fletcher wood land 14 a. 840, Thayer do. 11 a. 480.	26 22
Deveny, Mary, Uxbridge.	H. M. Taft pasture 14 a. \$200, wood and sprout land 4 a. 200, meadow 10 a. 250, poor farm land 9 a. 300, school house lot 1 1-2 a. 100, B. F. Aldrich meadow 7 a. 175, Spaulding land 6 a. 150.	15 68
Darling, Albert N., Brooklyn, N. Y.	Two oxen \$125, 2 do. 120, 4 horses 375, 3 cows 150, 1 heifer 40, 2 yearlings 25, house Butler place 3400, 2 barns 1400, wind mill and house 500, house Gardner place 600, barn and shed do. 250, homestead Butler place 45 a. 1925, training field 16 a. 1000, homestead Gardner place 24 1-2 a. 750, wood land H. W. Darling piece 28 a. 800.	130 65
Draper, William F., Hopedale, Milford.	Shed and boat house \$300, Luther Taft land 1 a. 100.	4 56
Dewing, Charles, estate of.	House \$500, barn 150, home- stead 4 a. 250, Bullard land 3 a. 75.	11 12
Darling, Mary H. and Anna W. Pierce, Brooklyn, N. Y. and Plymouth, Mass.	Corner house \$300, small house 300, wood-house 10, corner house lot 1-2 a. 150, wood and pasture post lane, 25 a. 450.	13 79
Estey, Russell, Blackstone.	Pasture and meadow 10 a. \$225.	2 65
Farnum, James M., Uxbridge.	Wood land 10 a. \$400 cranberry meadow 2 a. 300.	7 98
Ford, Charles, Worcester.	Darling meadow 16 a. 400,	7 36



NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Leland do.	4 1-2 a. 225.	
Fletcher, Almira F., Milford.	House \$550, Barn 40, crib 20, homestead 37 1-2 a. 1000, wood land So. Woods 12 a. 240, Mill river meadow 1 3-4 a. 40, cranberry do. 1 1-2 a. 50.	\$22 12
Franklin, Benjamin, Blackstone.	House \$250, barn 40, house lot 1 a. 60.	3 99
Guild, Charles, Boston.	House \$300, barn 25, boat-house 50, island 1-2 a. 50, wood land 1 a. 200.	7 36
Googin, George, Bellingham.	Sprout land 12 a. \$120...	1 37
Gaskill, Nahum, Milford.	Penniman land 24 a. \$500...	5 70
Gaskill, Lewis B., Milford.	Sprout land 38 a. \$950, Mill plain 3 1-2 a. 100.	11 97
Gaskill, Samuel, Milford.	Taft cranberry meadow 1 1-4 a. \$100.	1 14
Goucher, Alfred, Milford.	Adams House, Hotel \$1200, barn and shed 500, ice house 20, carriage house 50, bake house 250, house lot 2 3-4 a. 480.	28 50
Howard, William S., Boston.	House, J. B. Mellen place, \$350. house, Lovett place, 150, barn do. 40, house lot 1 a. 100, house lot 3 a. 200.	9 58
Hayward, Samuel P., Milford.	Barn lot, N. Hayward place, 3 a. \$250. Meadow 4 a. 80.	3 72
Henry, Albert F., Uxbridge.	Sprout land 20 a. \$400...	4 56
Henry, Sarah, Uxbridge.	Thompson wood and sprout land 14 a. \$300.	3 42
Hunnewell, Ann, Somerville.	House \$400, barn 50, homestead 12 a. 350.	9 12
Hayward, Huldah J., Milford.	Woodland, West woods, 20 1-4 a. \$900, sprout do., Lazell lot 11 a. 175, Cushman Thayer do. 9 a. 113, sprout and pasture 10 a. 200.	15 82
Hadley, William S., Blackstone.	Sprout land 27 a. \$350.	3 99
Hayward, Samuel W., Milford.	A. Hixon sprout land 7 a. \$50.	57
Knowlton, William, Upton.	Eames wood land 15 5-8 a. \$380.	4 33

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Inman, Nathaniel A., Uxbridge.	House \$300, barn 75, wagon-house 15, shop 20, crib 15, homestead 106 a. 1,275.	\$19 38
Inman, Edna M., Framingham.	Cranberry meadow West Hill 6 1-4 a. \$200.	2 28
Jepherson, Chloe A., Uxbridge.	Wood and pasture 10 a. \$150.	1 71
Legg, Stephen T., Blackstone.	Sprout land 3 a. \$60...	68
Marron, Ellen Guardian, Milford.	House \$350, house lot 5 1-2 a. 400.	8 55
Madden, John, Milford.	Sprout land 5 a. \$75.....	86
Moffett, Sarah, Holliston.	Davenport land 3 1-2 a. \$90	1 03
Nelson, Otis T., Milford.	Sprout land and cranberry meadow 30 a. \$800.	9 12
Phipps, Amos, Holliston.	H. B. Staples cranberry meadow 2 a. \$75.	86
Pickering, Lovina, estate of, Bellingham.	Sprout, wood and pasture land 21 a. \$525.	5 99
Pickering, Daniel J., Bellingham.	Sprout land 3 a. \$75.	86
Putnam, Allen, West Roxbury.	Otis Thayer pasture 37 a. \$852.	9 71
Powers, John, Upton.	Wood land 1 a. \$35.....	40
Russell, Dwight, and Others, Milford.	House, "Point Pleasant," \$800, barn 150, boat house 100, land 2 a. 150.	13 68
Ray, James P., Franklin.	Meadow and sprout land 30 a. \$400, 6 do. do. \$150, Amos Thayer land 80 a. 800.	15 39
Sullivan, Patrick J. O., Milford.	House \$150, barn 150, homestead 40 a. 650.	10 83
Staples, Carlton A., Lexington.	House \$575, barn 400, cranberry house 100, crib 25, homestead 61 1-2 a. 1220, cranberry meadow 4 a. 300, wood and sprout land, 12 1-2 a. 150, do. Inman land 3 a. 50, cranberry meadow 2 1-8 a. 400, do. 4 1-2 a. 320.	40 36
Staples, Charles J., Reading.	House, Mary and Olive place, \$100, barn 50, A. A. Fletcher land 3 a. 45,	3 51

NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
	homestead, M. and O. place, 16 a. 200.	
Scott, Ann M., Blackstone.	One-half barn \$500, house and shop 200, crib 50, homestead 103 a. 2375, S. Daniels land 17 a. 400.	\$40 19
Steward, Henry O., Framingham.	Wood land 32 a. \$575	6 33
Stanley, Albert F., Kansas City, Mo.	Undivided half of orchard, half acre, \$26.	30
Staples, Hamilton B., Worcester.	House \$600, house lot 4 1-2 a. 225.	9 41
Thayer, Francis N., Blackstone.	Wood land 33 a. \$400.	4 55
Thayer, Horatio, Bellingham.	Wood land 10 a. \$250, Lovett place 9 a. 250.	5 70
Trask, Susan M., Uxbridge.	House \$50, barn 100, home- stead 11 a. 250.	4 56
Thayer, Elijah, Blackstone.	Sprout land 10 a. 275.....	3 14
Tourtellotte, Albert, Blackstone.	Swamp land 1 a. \$90.	1 03
Thayer, Sarah E., (Hopedale) Milford.	Pasture 7 a. \$210.	2 39
Taft, Dudley, Estate of, Blackstone.	Wood and sprout land 10 a. \$300.	3 42
Thayer, Ruel, Bellingham.	Bicknell land 10 a. \$80, wood and sprout 35 a. 525.	6 90
Taft, Enos N., Brooklyn, N. Y.	One-half house \$300, 1-2 barn 75, 1-2 shop 10, 1-2 wood-house 38, 1-2 home- stead 12 1-2 a. 325.	8 53
Taft, Amariah A., Milford.	House, M. Grady place, \$115, Streeter pasture and sprout land 10 a. 150, Adams do. 28 a. 280, 1-2 of 28 a. Potomac 14 a. 175, C. F. Hixon land 10 a. 150, homestead M. Grady, 10 a. 300, Millins Taft wood land 2 a. 100, A. C. Cook sprout land 13 a. 100.	15 62
Tullock, Robert, Hudson.	G. Bent cranberry meadow 1 1-4 a. \$125, sprout land 2 1-2 a. 60.	2 11
Taft, Lewis, Blackstone.	Saw and shingle mill \$300, wood and sprout land 87 a. 2,610.	33 17
Taft, Sullivan H., heirs of, Uxbridge.	Shop \$40.....	46



NAMES.	REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.	TAX.
Taft, Charles F., Brooklyn, N. Y.	Cranberry meadow 1 1-2 a. \$150.	\$1 71
Thayer, Welcome A., Blackstone.	House \$1200, barn 400, crib 25, ice house 25, homestead 150 a. 2250, sprout land 18 a. 180.	46 51
Thurber, Daniel, Worcester.	House \$300, barn 50, shop 20, house lot 1 a. 75.	5 07
Whiting, George R., Franklin.	Machinery \$500, engine and boiler 600, mill 650, engine house 200, stock house 25, mill dam and privilege 2 1-2 a. 1200, land 25.	36 48
Walker, Chester W., Upton.	Wood land 7 a. \$460.....	5 24
Wallace, Sarah, Milford.	One-half house \$150, 1-2 house lot 1-4 a. 50. Exempt.	
Wallace, Mary A., Milford.	One-half house \$150, 1-2 house lot 1-4 a. 50. Exempt.	
Wheelock, Daniel, Blackstone.	Wood and sprout land 14 a. \$250.	2 85
Wheelock, Austin A., Blackstone.	House \$800, barn 200, crib 75, 2 sheds 100, small house 250, homestead 104 1-2 a. 1672, house lot, small do. 8 a. 200, land on Quissett road 2 a. 50, L. Daniels sprout land 32 a. 300, D. Wheelock wood and pasture 27 a. 400.	46 14
Wood, Emma, Upton.	Cranberry meadow 1 a. \$25....	29
Walker, Samuel, Milford.	Wood and sprout land 35 a. \$500, Albee do. 26 a. 500.	11 40
Worthen, Caroline M., Milford,	One-fourth of 27 a. West woods 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ a. \$300, 1-2 of Lazell wood lot 11 a. 175, C. Thayer land 9 a. 113.	6 70
Wilson and Carpenter, Woonsocket and Smithfield, R. I.	House \$200, barn 200, homestead 125 a. 1,600.	22 80
Worcester, Isabella C., Boylston.	One-quarter of 4 1-2 a. meadow 1 1-8 a. \$50, 1-4 of 5-8 a. meadow 5 32 a. 8, 1-4 of 2-10 of 8 a. 2-5 a. 18.	87

## PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

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First Parish, Mendon Church, \$3,125. Common 3-4 a. \$375.  
 Methodist Episcopal Society Church, \$1,425. Common 1-2 a. \$75.

## TOWN GRANTS FOR 1885.

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Support of schools.....	\$1500 00
Support of poor.....	1300 00
Repair of roads.....	1000 00
Paying town debt.....	1000 00
Paying interest on debt.....	350 00
Incidental expenses.....	400 00
Taft Public Library.....	150 00
Text books.....	100 00
State tax.....	540 00
County tax.....	494 00
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	\$6,834 00
Overlayings.....	69 10
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	\$6903 10

## VALUATION.

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Real estate.....	\$467,708
Personal estate.....	92,904
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Total valuation.....	\$560,612 00
Tax on real and personal estate.....	\$6,390 60
Tax on 257 polls.....	512 50
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Total amount committed for collection.	\$6903 10

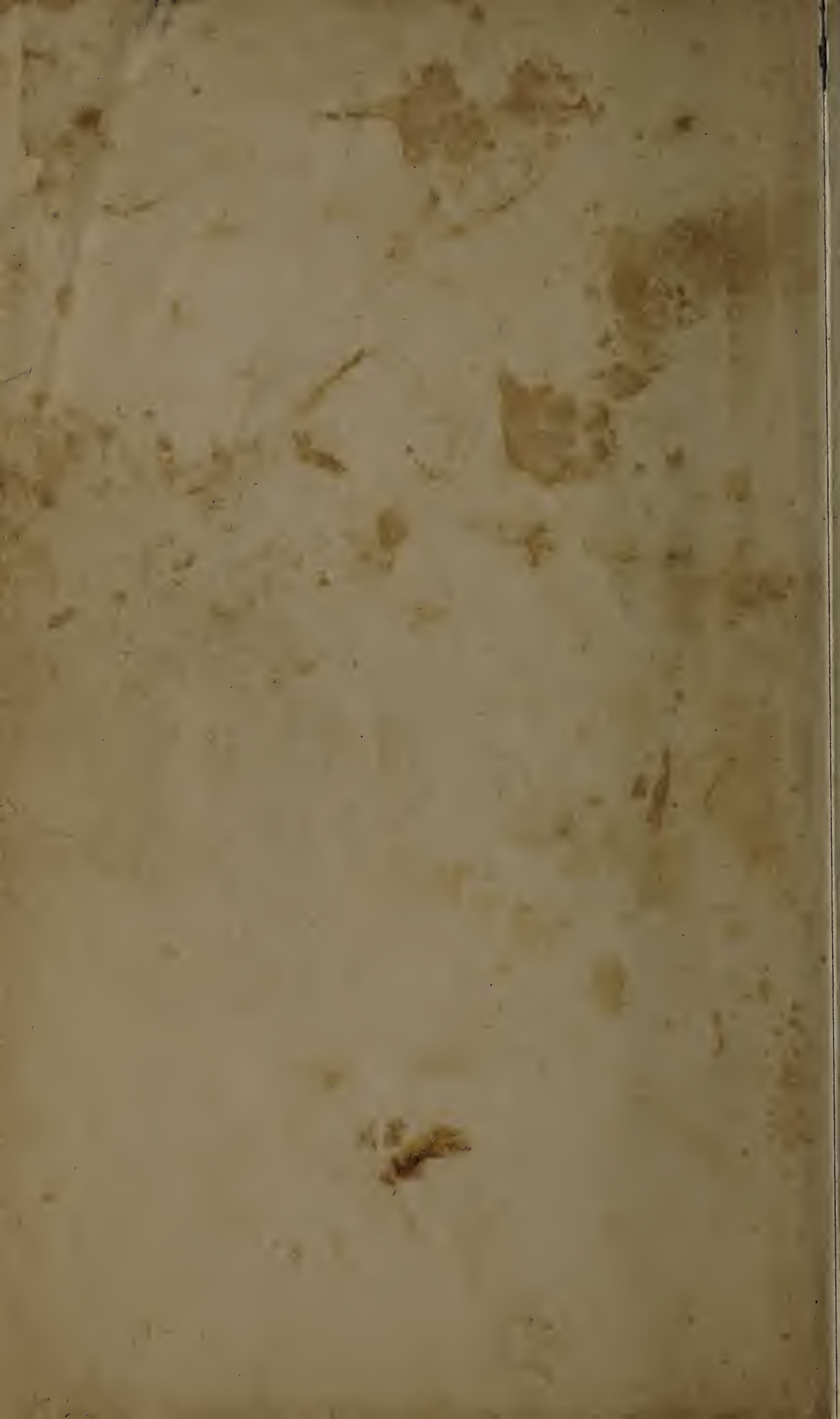
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Rate per cent. of total tax or rate per \$1,000.....	\$11 40
Money at interest unsecured.....	40,697 00
Money on hand and deposit.....	1,972 00
Public stocks securities .....	3,385 00
Stocks in corporations without the State.....	5,355 00
Total number of polls .....	257
Total number of horses.....	169
Total number of cows .....	308
Total number of sheep .....	24
Total number Neat-Cattle other than cows ....	124
Total number swine .....	93
Total number dwelling houses .....	242
Total number acres of land.....	10,822







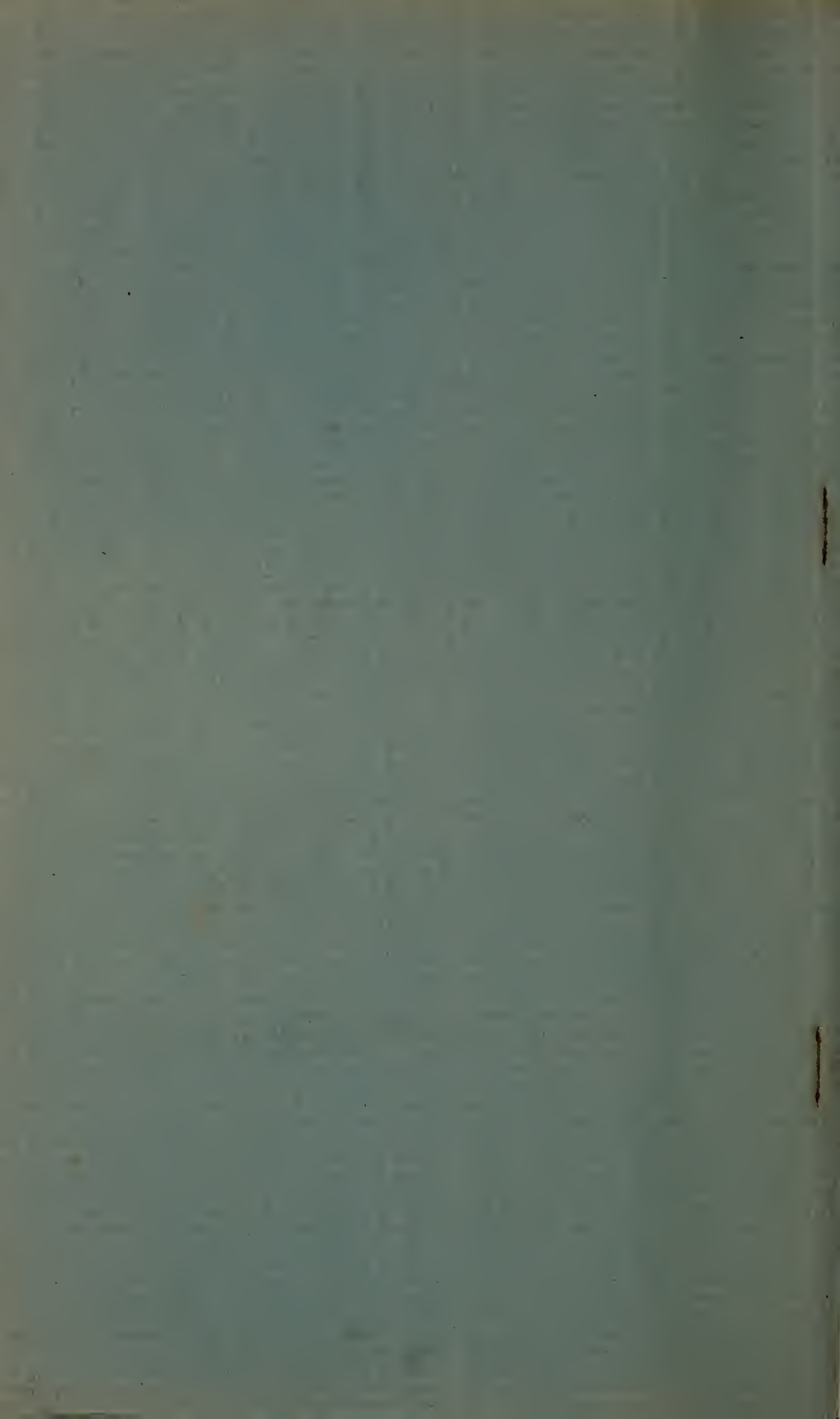
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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The undersigned, Treasurer of Mendon for the year ending March 1st, 1886, respectfully submits the account of his doings.

He debits himself with the following assets, viz :

Amount received of	
Treasurer for the year 1884.....	\$2410 68
Borrowed on Town notes.....	2000 00
Borrowed on bond.....	700 00
Collector for 1884 .....	134 46
Collector for 1885.....	6334 01
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	257 71
State Treasurer, National Bank tax.....	507 87
State Treasurer, State aid .....	99 00
State Treasurer, State aid.....	25 00
State Treasurer, income of School Fund.....	210 60
County Treasurer, Dog Fund.....	98 63
For use of telephone to Feb. 1, 1886.....	23 70
Marcus M. Aldrich for use of Town Hall.....	64 00
Dr. Russell for rent of pond .....	50 00
For Town Annals.....	2 75
Austin Wood, interest over-paid.....	3 50
S. Warren Cook, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
Town of Upton, for schooling.....	26 50
Librarian for catalogues.....	65
	\$12,951 06

He credits himself with the following sums :

PAID	
N. R. George, note and interest.....	\$1026 00
Austin A. Taft, two notes and interest.....	2022 25
112 Town orders.....	6142 04
J. G. Metcalf, two notes and interest.....	518 96
A. C. Thompson, note and interest.....	73 19
N. R. George, interest on note for 1884.....	57 44
Horace S. Aldrich, bond and coupon.....	525 00
J. A. George, two coupons.....	135 00
Austin Wood, coupons .....	35 00
Ann Quigley, " .....	22 50
Sarah Moffat, " .....	15 00
A. C. Thompson, " .....	30 00

Austin Wood, Town bond.....	\$700 00
State tax.....	540 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1108 68
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	\$12,951 06
Bonds now outstanding.....	\$5100 00
Amount paid on Town Debt.....	2070 00
Amount paid interest on notes, and bonds..... ..	390 34
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	\$2460 34

AUSTIN A. TAFT, Treasurer.

Mendon, February 17, 1886.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report of the expenditures of the town for the municipal year ending March 1st, 1886.

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Frank C. Wood, killing and burying dog.....	\$ 2 00
Gilbert Gaskill, fence posts at lockup.....	50
G. B. Williams, cash paid for use of telephone.....	60 00
G. B. Williams, cash paid for removal of telephone.....	4 00
G. B. Williams, cash paid postage and mason work.....	1 40
J. A. George, cash paid for fire apparatus and extinguishers	34 69
J. A. George, cash paid for treasurer's account book....	6 50
R. H. Rose, 1 dozen fire extinguishing grenades.....	11 10
Hugh Crawford, watching Comstock fire .....	2 00
Thayer, Babson & Co., chemicals.....	2 55
A. W. Judson, returning 23 deaths.....	5 75
J. W. Harris, repairing stove pipe, record rooms.....	1 37
J. G. Metcalf, insurance of town hall and school houses..	133 69
D. Adams, express, etc., paid.....	8 55
D. Adams, storing fire extinguisher.....	12 00
Milford Mutual Fire Insurance Co., insuring lockup.....	2 50
A. W. Gaskill, cash paid watching Comstock fire .....	1 50
A. W. Gaskill, labor in old cemetery.....	1 80
N. Towne, oil, etc.....	7 11
A. W. Gaskill, cash paid for paint.....	50
Dr. J. Wilmarth, return of births.....	50
	\$300 01

### FUEL AND SUNDRIES FOR TOWN HALL.

L. A. Cook, coal.....	\$37 46
N. Town, oil, etc., to April 1st, 1885.....	6 98
M. M. Aldrich, sundries to April 1st, 1885.....	27 06
M. M. Aldrich, care of hall to April 1st, 1885.....	45 00
Bartlett & Ellis, lantern.....	6 00
A. W. Judson, repairs .....	75
A. W. Gaskill, gravel.....	6 25
	\$129 50



## SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Edward Dixon,	services as Supt. of Schools 1884-5.....	\$75 00
Gilbert Gaskill,	“ lockup keeper to Apr. 1, 1885..	3 33
Chas. H. Allen,	“ Assessor for 1885.....	27 68
M. M. Aldrich,	“ Assessor for 1885.....	45 00
E. S. Worthen,	“ Assessor for 1885.....	40 00
D. Adams,	“ Town Clerk, 1885-6.....	21 10
Martin Thayer,	“ Constable, 1885-6.....	16 50
Austin A. Taft,	“ Town Treasurer, 1885-6.....	35 00
Liberty Freeman,	“ Tax Collector, 1884.....	65 00
Liberty Freeman,	“ Selectman, 1885-6.....	22 50
A. W. Gaskill,	“ Selectman, 1885-6.....	22 50
G. B. Williams,	“ Selectman, 1885-6.....	36 80
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		\$410 41

## STATE AID PAID PENSIONERS, CHAP. 301,

## ACTS OF 1879.

John Curley .....	\$48 00
Abigail Mitchell.....	48 00
Michael Foley.....	18 00
James McKenna.....	30 00
Caleb W. Smith.....	3 00
Rufus Hazard .....	1 50
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	\$148 50

## PRINTING.

Cook & Sons, town reports, 1885 .....	\$40 00
Cook & Sons, assessors' notices and blanks .....	3 50
L. H. Balcome, memorial sermon, Mrs. Huston.....	9 50
Cook & Sons, collector's bills and posters.....	4 00
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	\$57 00

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid School Committee, by sixteen town orders drawn in their favor .....	\$2501 62
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## REPAIRS OF ROADS.

Paid Road Commissioners, by seven town orders drawn in their favor .....	\$1030 00
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor by ten town orders drawn in their favor.....	\$1425 00
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## TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid trustees, three town orders.....	\$140 00
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## RECAPITULATION.

Incidentals .....	\$300 01
Fuel and sundries for town hall.....	129 50
Town officers .....	410 41
State Aid, Chap. 301.....	148 50
Printing .....	57 00
Support of Schools.....	2501 62
Roads .....	1030 00
Poor .....	1425 00
Library .....	140 00
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	\$6142 04

The Selectmen also report that the liabilities of the Town, known to them, are as follows :

Due on bills against the Town, estimated....	\$150 00	
Due town officers, estimated .....	160 00	
Due school teachers, estimated.....	175 00	
Due on town bonds.....	5,100 00	
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The available assets, so far as known, are as follows :

Due from Collector, list of 1885.....	\$88 77	
Due from State, aid to pensioners, to Jan.		
1st, 1885.....	129 00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	1,108 68	
	<hr/>	\$1,326 45

Net indebtedness of the Town.....	\$4,258 55
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GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	} Selectmen of Mendon.
ALBERT W. GASKILL,	
LIBERTY FREEMAN,	

Mendon, Feb. 17th, 1886.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1884.

DR.

Balance uncollected Feb. 16, 1885.....	\$140 77
Interest received.....	6 66
	<hr/> \$147 43

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By cash paid treasurer.....	\$134 46
Abatements .....	12 97
	<hr/> \$147 43

LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1885.

DR.

Taxes committed for collection.....	\$6903 10
Additional assessments.....	5 92
Interest received.....	38 61
	<hr/> \$6947 63

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By cash paid treasurer.....	\$6334 01
Paid county tax.....	494 00
Abatements .....	30 85
	<hr/> \$6858 86
Balance uncollected Feb. 17, 1886.....	\$88 77



## ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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The undersigned, Road Commissioners, respectfully submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 1, 1886.

The Commissioners charge themselves with the following sums :

Cash on hand, March 2, 1885 .....	\$57 85
Cash received on town orders.....	1030 00
	\$1087 85

They credit themselves by paying the following bills :

S. P. Cummings, labor.....	\$97 40
H. Moore, labor.....	86 10
H. Crawford, labor.....	57 75
G. A. Staples, labor.....	76 95
C. B. Williams.....	165 70
Gilbert Gaskill, for gravel.....	2 80
E. Dudley, gravel.....	2 10
C. Thayer, gravel.....	5 00
W. S. Wilcox, lumber and labor, two bills.....	73 87
A. W. Gaskill, labor and cash paid.....	213 91
Elias T. Bates, " " " .....	63 56
S. H. Taft, " " " .....	91 43
Fred C. Albee, labor.....	3 90
W. J. Taft, labor.....	21 30
O. W. Hill, labor, two bills.....	31 42
P. Norris, labor.....	3 00
Henry Goldthwait, labor.....	24 33
D. Crosby, labor.....	8 70
F. H. Wood, labor and cash paid, three bills.....	89 78
J. C. Wood, labor.....	4 35
Bartlett & Ellis, spikes.....	2 95
	\$1126 30

Balance due Commissioners..... \$38 45.

SAMUEL H. TAFT, )	Commissioners of Mendon.
A. W. GASKILL, )	
ELIAS T. BATES, )	

## OVERSEERS OF POOR REPORT.

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The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 1, 1886 :

Lawrence Wilber and Olive Hayward until May 7, and Mary Hayward until October 31, have received a full support. Charles H. Allen, Edna Allen, John Lane and wife, Mary C. Taft, Mary Kirby, Lucretia Albee, Edna French, the families of Jennie Tucker, Daniel Cunningham, Hugh Crawford, Henry Moores, Francis R. Scisco, Daniel D. Davenport, Walter S. Wilson (having a settlement in Mendon), Henry H. Parkhurst and Horace A. Parkhurst (having a settlement in Blackstone), Joseph H. Wood, Hiram Wilson and Anna D. Smith (belonging to Uxbridge), Arneata C. Conant (belonging to Northbridge), C. H. Burnham (belonging to Upton), have received a partial support.

March 15, 1885, the Overseers contracted with Davis Hill to board and take care of all who may require a full support for the year beginning April 1, 1885, for \$3.25 per week, for each person so cared for.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds belonging to the town :

Balance from account of last year .....	\$5 10
Ten town orders .....	1425 00
Town of Uxbridge.....	49 00
Town of Blackstone .....	52 00
Town of Upton .....	6 00
Town of Northbridge.....	18 00
	\$1555 10

The Overseers credit themselves with paying the following amounts :

### FOR SUPPORT OF

Lawrence Wilber.....	\$173 49
Olive Hayward.....	78 45
Mary Hayward.....	159 32
Charles H. Allen.....	10 00
Edna Allen.....	78 00
John Lane and wife.....	162 30
Mary C. Taft.....	81 66
Mary Kirby.....	99 00
Lucretia Albee.....	88 56

Edna French.....	\$4 00
Jennie Tucker.....	119 21
Daniel Cunningham.....	86 65
Hugh Crawford.....	5 00
Henry Moores.....	29 50
Francis R. Seisco.....	46 44
Daniel D. Davenport.....	117 00
Walier S. Wilson.....	2 00
Henry H. Parkhurst.....	14 00
Horace A. Parkhurst.....	18 00
Joseph H. Wood.....	39 00
Hiram Wilson.....	5 00
Anna D. Smith.....	47 39
Arneata C. Conant.....	18 00
C. H. Burnham.....	6 00
A. W. Gaskill, wood for tramp house.....	88
Gilbert Gaskill, care of tramps.....	7 20
L. Freeman, postage stamps.....	96
L. Freeman, cash paid out on Martia Burns case.....	4 92
L. Freeman, services as overseer of the poor.....	33 00
Gilbert Gaskill " " ".....	8 00
Edward Dixon " " ".....	6 00

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\$1548 93

Leaving a balance in hands of overseers of.... \$6 17

From the whole amount for support of poor.... \$1548 93

Deduct what was due for the support of paupers  
to March 2, 1885..... 155 61

What has been received from Uxbridge, \$49.00  
less \$26.31 due last year..... 22 69

What is due from Uxbridge..... 52 39

What has been received from Blackstone, \$52  
less \$20 due last year..... 32 00

What has been received from Upton and North-  
bridge..... 24 00

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\$286 69

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\$1262 24

Add what will be due for support of paupers to March  
1, 1886..... 77 62

Cost of supporting the poor for the year ending March  
1, 1886.....\$1339 86

Respectfully submitted.

LIBERTY FREEMAN, }  
GILBERT GASKILL, } Overseers  
EDWARD DIXON, } of the Poor.

Mendon, Feb. 17, 1886.



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, School Committee and Collector of Taxes of the Town of Mendon, and that of the Treasurer of the Taft Public Library, and find them correctly kept, and with proper vouchers.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,  
ANDREW W. JUDSON,

Auditors.

Mendon, Feb. 17, 1886.

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

TOWN OF MENDON TO DAVID ADAMS, DR.

Te express paid on Mass. Reports and other public Documents.....	\$3 05	
To postage paid on Election, Registration and other returns during the year.....	50	
To cash paid Charles H. Whiting, for Record Books and Blanks.....	4 75	
To cash paid for stationery.....	25	
		\$8 55
To services as Clerk of the Board of Registrars.	\$3 00	
To services, State Election and Clerk's Meeting, (2 days).....	4 00	
To recording, indexing and returning 17 births.	8 50	
To recording, indexing and returning 8 marriages.....	1 20	
To recording, indexing and returning 24 deaths.	4 40	
		\$21 10
Received for Dog Licenses during 1885 :		
Male dogs, 57.....	\$114 00	
Female dogs, 3.....	15 00	
		\$129 00
Less Clerk's fees.....		12 00
		\$117 00

### BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1885.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1885.		
Jan. 8	Lillian Frances Bemis	Frank and Elizabeth Bemis
Feb. 6	Geo. Godfrey Davenport	John L. and Myra A. Davenport
Mar. 2	Isabel Russell	Thomas J. and Jennie M. Russell
Mar. 29	Ormond Arno d Bates	Erwin A. and Jennie Bates
Apr. 12	Mabel Russell Taft	Jonathan R. and Amanda M. Taft
Apr. 13	Lillian Freeman	Liberty and Harriet E. Freeman
Apr. 30	Walter Brown Spooner	Peleg and Abbie Frances Spooner
May 3	Albert Walter Gaskill	Walter A. and Hattie E. Gaskill
May 17	Lillian Louisa Beal	Rufus G. and Emma Beal
Aug. 7	Alphonso Aldrich	Moses and Anna L. Aldrich
Aug. 10	Fannie Belle Gaskill	Jesse and Hannorah G. Gaskill

Aug. 26	Lora Imogene Gabry	Eli Francis and Sarah Frances Gabry
S'pt. 13	Anna Eliza Burnham	Charles H. and Louisa M. Burnham
S'pt. 15	Christine Wood	Edwin F. and Annie H. Wood
S'pt. 17	Jesse Leroy Cook	S. Warren and Ada J. Cook
Nov. 10	Selwyn Francis Southwick	Alonzo L. and Alice M. Southwick
Nov. 21	Andrew Byrne	John and Alice Byrne.

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1885.

DATE. 1885.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Feb'y 23.	Silas A. Staples	Mendon
	Ella A. Newton	Mendon
March 9.	Frank E. Gibson	Uxbridge
	Alice E. Brown	Mendon
June 25.	Thomas Francis Casey	Mendon
	Katie Agnes Kiernan	Uxbridge
Aug'st 26.	Leonard Edwin Taft	Mendon
	Susan Minnie Wilson	Mendon
October 8.	Albert Jennings Congdon	Northbridge
	Annie Arzubah Aldrich	Mendon
Dec'er 17.	Frank H. Wood	Mendon
	Sarah J. Stoddard	Mendon
April 10.	Henry Francis Seisco	Mendon
	Jennie A. Roach	Mendon

### DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1885.

DATE. 1885.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
Feb'y 3.	Sarah G. Allen	92	Mendon
Feb'y 18.	Phila Taft Staples	86	"
March 15.	Mary Bennett	15	"
April 10.	Fannie W. Gaskill	50	"
May 7.	Olive Hayward	81	"
May 31.	Nancy Hill	82	"
June 6.	Orson R. Wheelock	73	"
June 11.	Mary W. Allen	2	"
June 11.	Lewis Boyden	84	"
June 17.	Deborah Staples	91	"
July 2.	Isabel Russell		"
July 13.	Robert P. Williams	70	"
August 1.	John Lane	72	"
Aug. 27.	John D. Moore	1	"
Sept. 19.	Prisse A. Gaskill	91	"
Sept. 20.	Annie Maria Grady	19	"
Sept. 25.	Dulcena Spaulding	79	"
Oct. 1.	Susan M. Richardson	48	"
Oct. 30.	Mary Hayward	84	"
Oct. 4.	Ellen Bates	74	"
Sept. 17.	Jesse Leroy Cook		"
Dec. 1.	Fred W. Bates	20	"
Dec. 7.	Albert W. Gaskill		"
Dec. 15.	Mary S. F. Slocum	65	"

DAVID ADAMS, Town Clerk.

Mendon, Feb. 15, 1886.



## TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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### FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees would report the continued successful working of the Library. It furnishes not only instruction and desirable reading for all, but it certainly furnishes a source of information that is a powerful auxiliary to our Public Schools, and the influence of which will be felt in the future of the youth growing up in our midst, and those who shall come after them — an influence that will be an ever-fresh testimonial to the enlightened generosity of the founder of this institution, and those who have added thereto.

In the exercise of the discretion in the matter given them by the Town, the Trustees caused, at small expense, the sermon of Rev. Carlton A. Staples, commemorative of Mrs. Huston, to be printed, and copies are ready for distribution to those citizens who have not already received them.

By reference to the Librarian's report it will be seen that there was a decrease in the circulation of books the past year, from that of 1884, of 221 volumes; but the number of borrowers decreased from 315 to 284 — a decrease accounted for by, and corresponding very closely in proportion to, our loss of population by removals. Those parties who have recently left town were nearly all patrons of the Library. The average number of books taken by each borrower was as great the past year as in any previous year. That there has been an increase in the per cent. of novels borrowed is not surprising, when it is remembered that a large portion of the new books purchased for the Library each year are works of fiction. This class of books is demanded by a large number of those who patronize the Library. The purchasing committee solicit lists of books desired from all who have any special preferences, and gratify them as far as possible with the means available. It is hoped that all find books on the shelves of the Library adapted to their wants and tastes.

The Librarian has attended to her duties in a manner highly satisfactory to the Trustees, and they deem themselves fortunate to have secured her services for the ensuing year.

The generous donors referred to in the librarian's report, are tendered the thanks of our citizens.

The annual examination of the books by the Trustees. was

made Feb. 9. The books were all accounted for, and the library ordered to be re-opened Feb. 13, 1886.

The appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the ensuing year is recommended.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,	} Trustees
HORACE C. ADAMS,	
GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	
EDWARD DIXON,	
	} Taft Public
	} Library.

Mendon, Feb. 13, 1886.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:

The fifth annual report of the state of the library, is hereby respectfully submitted for your consideration.

The library opened for the delivery of books Feb. 14, 1885. The circulation for the library year was 4557—221 less than last year. The number of persons taking books was 284.

The books distributed were classed as follows: Agriculture, 18; Biography, 188; History, 259; Travel, 267; Education, 34; Poetry, 29; Miscellaneous, 99; Novels, 3239; Periodicals, 424.

Seventy-one per cent. of those taken were works of fiction, and nine per cent. were periodicals. The average number borrowed each library day, was a fraction less than 88. The smallest number taken any day was 70, and the largest number 111. The additions to the library from all sources during the year, were 126 volumes. Of these, 68 were purchased, 28 were donated, and 30 volumes of periodicals were bound (from a gift of last year.)

The number of books in the library, is 2257.

Mrs. N. L. Hooper of Fall River, formerly a citizen of Mendon, and friend of the late Mrs. Huston, kindly gave 24 volumes. Three volumes and one pamphlet were given by Henry Pierce; 1 volume by E. Richardson of Woonsocket, through A. V. Pond; 6 pamphlets by Dept. of Interior; 45 pamphlets by Hon. Theo. Lyman; 2 pamphlets by Hon. F. D. Ely. The Shaker societies have continued to send their magazine, "The Manifesto." Agreeably to the 7th rule, the books were called in for the annual examination the first Saturday of February, and every book was returned at that time. Fines for the detention of books and cards sold, amount to \$5.86. Fifty cents in fines is still due.

Few books have been taken for reading and reference in the library room; also under special rules.

Several books need new binding, and more shelf room is required.

MARY E. DUDLEY, Librarian.

Mendon, February 8, 1886.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The undersigned, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library, respectfully submits the following report for the year ending February 7. 1886.

### DR.

To cash received of Samuel H. Taft, Treasurer for 1884.	\$ 12 10
Three Town orders.....	140 00
M. E. Dudley, for fines, etc.....	5 86
	\$157 96

### CR.

#### PAID

W. B. Clarke & Carruth for books.....	\$62 38
S. E. Cassino & Co., for books.....	18 00
M. D. Marcy, for binding.....	15 75
M. E. Dudley, for sundries, etc.....	4 20
M. E. Dudley, for services as Librarian.....	50 00
Cash on hand.....	7 63
	\$157 96

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE C. ADAMS, Treasurer.

Mendon, February 13, 1886.

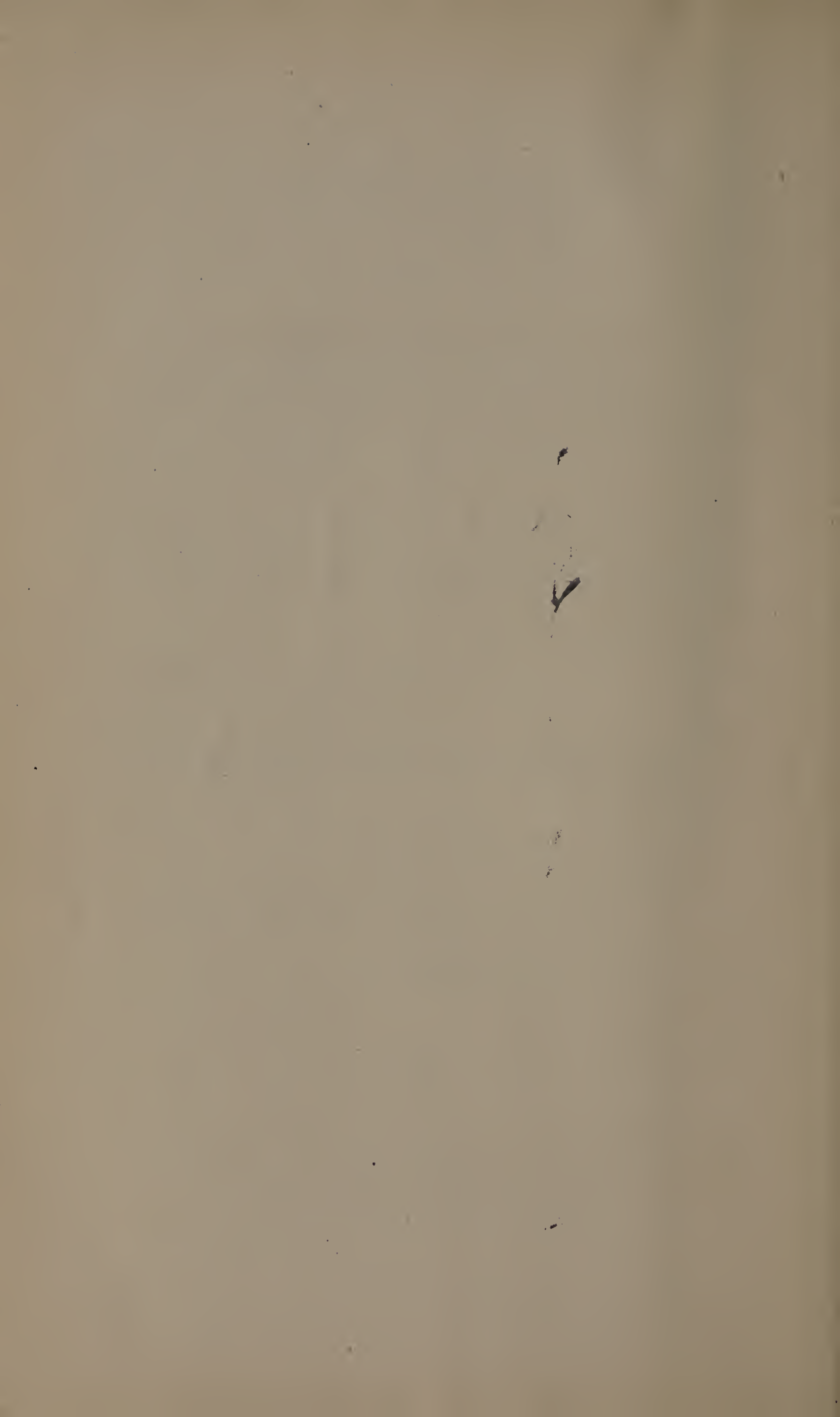
Examined, found correct, and with proper vouchers.

EDWARD DIXON, }  
G. B. WILLIAMS, } Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MENDON,  
FOR THE  
YEAR 1885-86.

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## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The following report of the school expenditures for the year is respectfully submitted.

### DR.

To Town orders drawn for school purposes...	\$2501 62	
To Cash in Home National Bank.....	165 31	
	<hr/>	\$2666 93

### CR.

Instruction, fuel and care of rooms .....	\$1780 79	
School books and supplies .....	243 29	
Incidentals .....	401 22	
Cash in Home National Bank.....	241 63	
	<hr/>	\$2666 93

### OLD BILLS.

Mary E. Dudley .....	\$84 00	
Cora E. Gaskill .....	84 00	
Mary L. Taft.....	91 00	
N. Currier.....	180 00	
	<hr/>	\$439 00

### NORTH.

Mary L. Taft, two bills.....	\$108 00
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### CENTRE—PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR.

Sarah L. Bennett, two bills .....	\$162 00	
Mary E. Dudley, three bills.....	189 00	
Edward Dixon, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cords of wood.....	7 87	
Edward Dixon, cleaning rooms.....	3 50	
M. M. Aldrich, for wood.....	10 00	
W. E. Dixon, care of fires.....	6 00	
W. E. Dixon, sawing wood .....	6 37	
	<hr/>	\$384 74

### SOUTH.

Mary A. Barrows, three bills.....	\$160 00	
Mary A. Barrows, care of fire.....	4 00	
Lowell C. Cook, wood and fitting same.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$171 00

## EAST.

Cora E. Gaskill, three bills.....	\$200 00	
Frederick Bates, wood and fitting same.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$210 00

## WEST.

Lottie T. Cornwell, two bills.....	\$95 00	
Frank H. Wood, wood and fitting same.....	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$101 50

## ALBEEVILLE.

Dora Taft, two bills.....	\$114 00	
S. H. Taft, wood and fitting same.....	12 55	
	<hr/>	\$126 55

## HIGH.

O. C. B. Nason, two bills.....	\$180 00	
Volney Skinner, one bill.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$240 00

## INCIDENTALS.

Cook & Sons, diplomas.....	\$6 00
David Adams, expenses of G. A. Walton.....	4 75
Julius A. George, two stoves and pipe.....	14 81
Knight, Adams & Co., labels.....	1 15
C. W. Bardeen, supplies for High school.....	2 40
C. H. Allen, taking census of scholars.....	1 50
Gilbert Gaskill, digging well, No. 1.....	92 75
A. G. Chilson, varnishing furniture, No. 2.....	13 75
A. P. Scribner, express.....	2 70
M. Cunningham, labor.....	50
King & Merrill, supplies.....	5 40
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., supplies.....	31 50
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., map, No. 1.....	3 00
S. W. Ferguson, blackboards.....	15 00
Frank H. French, repairing clocks.....	2 00
F. M. Ambrose, supplies.....	6 64
King & Merrill, supplies, No. 2.....	3 60
King & Merrill, supplies, No. 4.....	1 00
King & Merrill, globe.....	5 00
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies.....	19 70
Edward Dixon, labor and supplies, No. 2.....	4 00
Samuel H. Taft, repairs and supplies, No. 6.....	1 25
Frederick Bates, " " No. 4.....	1 75
Edward Dixon, " " No. 2.....	1 00
J. W. Harris, " " No. 2.....	2 00
Lowell C. Cook, " " No. 3.....	70 68
Frank H. Wood, " " No. 5.....	50 65

J. W. Harris, supplies, No. 2.....	\$2 58
Edward Dixon, services as school book agent.....	25 00
Edward Dixon, fare to Boston and postage.....	2 16
Edward L. Smith, use of well for No. 2 .....	7 00
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	\$401 22

A careful inspection of the financial statement contained in the Superintendent's report, will show that the town appropriations for support of schools last year has been expended; for if we had received no money for out-of-town scholars, the balance remaining in the treasury would be smaller this year than last. Under the present organization of our schools, and with the same length of school year, we do not see how they can be supported for a less sum this year. We therefore ask for the same amount as was appropriated last year.

According to law, the committee has furnished scholars all necessary text books and supplies, at the cost of the town.

There has not been one text book purchased from the town this year.

It was thought best not to put the town to the expense of printing the school book account in detail, as was done last year, but, instead, to abbreviate it and place the agent's books at the disposal of any citizen who would like to examine his account with the different schools. We ask for an appropriation of \$200 for text books and supplies this year.

We regret to say that toward the end of the year Mr. Samuel H. Taft, who has served the town on the Board of School Committee so efficiently for the past ten years, tendered his resignation, which was reluctantly accepted by the committee. Being so near the end of the year, it was not deemed advisable to appoint anybody to the vacancy.

For the Committee,

EDWARD DIXON, Treasurer.

FRANK H. WOOD, Chairman,

EDWARD DIXON, Secretary,

WILLIAM W. NELSON,

FREDERICK BATES,

LOWELL C. COOK,

School Committee.



## SCHOOL BOOK AGENT'S REPORT.

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To the School Committee of Mendon :

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit the school book account for the year :

DR.

To books and supplies on hand May 1. '85.....	\$100 10	
To books and supplies purchased this year.....	243 33	
	—————	\$343 43

CR.

By books and supplies furnished :		
High school.....	\$121 42	
Grammar school.....	33 07	
Primary school.....	26 22	
North school.....	38 63	
South school.....	20 12	
East school.....	28 66	
West school.....	19 73	
Albeeville school.....	17 52	
Practice drawing paper, \$1.80 ; erasers, \$1.50 ; sponges, \$2.00 ; writing paper, \$1.05 ; draw- ing paper, \$5.12 ; for all schools.....	11 47	
Pens and one bottle of ink for selectmen.....	73	
Books and supplies on hand.....	25 86	
		\$343 43

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### BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ON HAND.

One Franklin new fifth reader.....	70
One Franklin adv. third reader.....	40
Four Franklin adv. second readers.....	1 20
Eleven Franklin adv. first readers.....	1 83
Three Franklin fourth readers.....	1 35
Fourteen Franklin third readers.....	4 90
Ten Franklin second readers.....	2 50
Two Franklin first readers.....	30
Four English Grammars.....	2 20
One McGuffey's speller.....	15
Two doz. Penmanship.....	2 00

Two doz. No. 4 drawing books.....	\$2 92
Three doz. No. 3 drawing books.....	2 00
Four doz. rulers.....	58
Four bottles of ink.....	1 20
Two bottles of ink.....	71
Three slates.....	15
Three slates.....	12
Paper )	50
and ) furnished school committee.....	
Ink )	15
	<hr/> \$25 86
EDWARD DIXON, Agent.	

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MENDON:—Time's onward march again makes it necessary that the annual school report shall be submitted for your consideration. It is presented with the conviction that, on the whole, the year about to close has witnessed as great a degree of advancement as any year of late has marked. It would be difficult to measure with exactness the increase of prosperity during the year, but I have the assurance that there has been a good, healthy progress, and believe that on inspection our schools will compare favorably in work done, with those of other small towns and with those of the same grade in larger towns.

Our teachers, as a rule, are progressive and very readily adopt improved methods.

From term to term existing faults in the work and government of the schools are found, which are corrected when possible; but sometimes the remedy is in the hands of the parents, and then we need their co-operation, which is not always easy to secure.

The advantages our schools afford children ought to be thoroughly appreciated by every parent, and they should take an interest in the work of the school board and co-operate with its members in making the schools as good as possible. They should see that their children, when in good health and members of a school, attend every day, and, in case of any "unpleasantness," should give the subject their *personal* attention. It is hardly just to form conclusions without making any investigations.

The record of Attendance and Roll of Honor will be considered up to the 16th inst., the Grammar, Albeeville and West schools each having three days, the North eight days, and the High four weeks and three days, longer to keep. Thus the report is, of necessity, an incomplete statement of the condition of our schools for the year; but in order that it may be printed with the annual town report, it is necessary to prepare it now. The term of school (High excepted) of the different districts ought to be so regulated that the Superintendent should have at least a week, after they are all finished and the registers collected, in which to prepare his report for publication.

In the Spring term our schools were visited by Mr. Geo. A. Walton, agent of the State Board of Education. His criticisms of the work done in the different schools, were productive of much good to our teachers.

In the Fall term a teachers' institute was held, under the aus-



pices of the State Board of Education. Over two hundred teachers and friends of education from the surrounding towns were present to witness the exercises. In these institutes the best methods of teaching the common school studies are presented, and teachers who attend them seldom fail to obtain ideas which are a benefit to themselves and their pupils. Our teachers were given the day to attend the institute, and the best interests of the town were served in their doing so.

#### ATTENDANCE, ETC.

The whole number of scholars enrolled, is twenty-four less than last year; but as many have left town since the commencement of the year, the actual number now in all the schools is much less. The difference in the number of scholars in each school, this year and last, will be found on another page. The highest yearly percentage was in the Grammar and East schools, being 96 per cent. in each. The smallest yearly percentage of attendance was in the North school, being (approximately) 85 per cent. The percentage of attendance for the year, compared with the corresponding terms of last year, is the same. The number of tardy marks has decreased 31 per cent., while the roll of honor has decreased only 18 per cent. The supply of diplomas having been exhausted in the Fall term, a number sufficient for several years was purchased under vote of committee.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Exhibiting the names of scholars who have attended school one or more terms without being absent or tardy.

*HIGH SCHOOL.*

## FALL TERM.

Clifton E. Bates.

## WINTER TERM.

William L. Beals.  
W. Edward Dixon,  
Minnie D. Gaskill,  
C. C. P. Hastings,  
Evelyn J. Nutter,  
Annie Quigley,  
Grace F. Smith,  
John M. Towne,

One Year—\*Percy T. Kinsley.  
Two Years—\*Fred. H. Brown.

Fred H. Brown,  
Franklin Freeman,  
Moses W. Gaskill,  
Percy T. Kinsley,  
Jennie L. Nutter,  
Annie Scriven,  
Grace Taft,  
Bessie W. Wilcox.

*GRAMMAR SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

John M. Towne,  
Nelly M. Kelly,  
Jennie L. Nutter,

Harold Wheeler,  
Sarah J. Kelly.

## FALL TERM.

Newton J. Nutter,  
Annie Quigley,  
Abigail Taft,

Harold Wheeler,  
Mary Staples.

## WINTER TERM.

Alfred T. Dixon,  
Lena Wheeler,  
Harold Wheeler,  
Florence Snow,

Joseph Dudley,  
Morton Holbrook,  
Newton J. Nutter,  
Mary Staples.

One Year—Harold Wheeler.  
Two Years—Florence Snow.

*PRIMARY SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Iola M. Wheeler,  
Jerry Driscoll,  
Morton A. Holbrook,  
Norman E. Wheeler,

Harry Dixon,  
Everett F. Darling,  
Ernest L. Tucker.

## FALL TERM.

Bertha E. Hastings,  
Ethel Williams,  
Everett F. Darling,

Clare W. Hastings,  
Lillie B. Wheeler,  
Jerry Driscoll.

## WINTER TERM.

Bertha E. Hastings,  
Lillie B. Wheeler,  
Harry C. Dixon,  
Jerry Driscoll,  
Archibald Gunn,  
Walter F. Towne,

Sabrey N. Moores,  
Fred H. Crawford,  
Everett F. Darling,  
Edward E. Gunn,  
Clarence H. Moores,  
Paul F. Wheeler.

One Year—Jerry Driscoll.

Two Years—Everett F. Darling.

*NORTH SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Alice Quigley,  
J. Grace Taft,  
Mabel P. Ballou,  
A. Dwight Davenport,  
Ora P. Davenport,

Grace Darling,  
Julia Grady,  
Mary E. Foley,  
John Grady.

## FALL TERM.

Alice Quigley,  
Ora P. Davenport,

A. Dwight Davenport,  
Willie Warner.

## WINTER TERM.

Joseph H. Lury,  
Ora P. Davenport,  
Two Years—Ora P. Davenport.

James Powers.

*SOUTH SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Jessie E. Cook,  
Solon Parkhurst,  
Willie Martin,

Grace C. Cook,  
Horace Parkhurst.

## FALL TERM.

Ida M. Barrows,  
Willie Martin,

Irving E. Pearson,  
Harry J. Martin.

## WINTER TERM.

Francis A. Bebo,  
Harry J. Martin,  
One Year—Willie Martin.

Willie Martin.

*EAST SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Waldo A. Rockwood,  
Anna M. Staples,

William Rockwood.

## FALL TERM.

Jessie L. Bates,  
Frank G. Collins,  
Waldo A. Rockwood,

John D. Bates,  
Oscar A. Newhall,  
George A. Rockwood,



William Rockwood,  
 Annie E. Collins,  
 Sallie S. Collins,  
 Bertha V. Horton,  
 Anna M. Staples,

Arthur B. Sprague,  
 Grace E. Collins,  
 Hannah S. Gaskill,  
 Bertha L. Sprague,  
 Alzie R. Staples.

## WINTER TERM.

Jessie L. Bates,  
 Waldo A. Rockwood.  
 Hannah S. Gaskill,  
 One Year—Waldo A. Rockwood.

Oscar A. Newhall,  
 Sallie S. Collins,  
 Marion E. Howe.

*ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Bertha Albee,  
 Estine Taft,  
 F. Ina Taft,

Cora Taft,  
 Hattie Albee.

## FALL TERM.

Bertha Albee,  
 Hattie Albee,  
 F. Ina Taft.  
 Mason F. Kinsley,

Cora Taft,  
 Estine Taft,  
 James H. Morris.

## WINTER TERM.

Bertha Albee,  
 Estine Taft,  
 One Year—Bertha Albee, Estine Taft, Hattie Albee.  
 Two Years—Cora Taft.

Cora Taft,  
 Hattie Albee.

*WEST SCHOOL.*

## FALL TERM.

Waldo Thayer.

## WINTER TERM.

Josephine Burnham,

Mary L. Wood.

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\*In Grammar School until this term.

## STUDIES.

The importance of good Reading, is fully recognized by our teachers; and instead of the old method of teaching children to read a letter at a time and drawl out each word in a listless and misunderstanding manner, the teachers endeavor to have their scholars read intelligently and without hesitation, first teaching words that stand for ideas, instead of letters that, to the young scholar, represent incomprehensible sounds. The supplementary Readers have been of great assistance to them in this work, as they furnished the younger scholars with more extensive reading of the same grade.

In Penmanship, there has been a decided improvement this year, and the same may be said of Drawing.

The results obtained by the study of Arithmetic, are not at all satisfactory. More time is probably devoted to this study than to any other, and scholars pass the poorest examination in it. We are too apt to hurry scholars, instead of giving them time to master one subject before proceeding to the next, which may require still greater mental development. The teachers are, no doubt, somewhat influenced by the desire of parents to have their children advance rapidly in their books; but the knowledge one has acquired of any study pursued, cannot be measured by the number of pages he has gone over. There is an opportunity for great improvement in this study.

The results obtained from the study of Grammar, are also unsatisfactory. The work is not made practical enough. A scholar may analyze a fairly difficult sentence and parse any word in it; but if called upon to construct an original sentence of equal difficulty, he is as likely to fail as to succeed in performing it correctly. Technical Grammar is taught too soon, and the young scholars, being obliged to learn hard, dry, incomprehensible rules, very soon develop a dislike for the subject which often clings to them as long as they remain in school. There is no better way to teach children Language, than to have them make use of it both in oral and written exercises. Language lessons should take the place of technical Grammar, until a child is at least twelve years old.

The plan adopted this year of teaching U. S. History as a reading lesson has proved quite successful, the Eclectic Primary History used for the purpose being well adapted to our Grammar grades. Geography is generally well taught, and in written examinations scholars usually reach the highest per cent. in this study. Commendable progress has been made in Map Drawing.

In accordance with the law passed at the last session of the Legislature, Physiology has been added to our curriculum, which now consists of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Spelling, Geography, Grammar, Drawing, U. S. History and Physiology. These studies are all required by law. This science is taught orally, so is not a very severe tax on the pupil's mind. The elementary princi-

ples of other sciences might in this way be profitably taught our young scholars, thus tending to a more general cultivation of their faculties.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

This school was taught in the Fall term by Mr. Nason, of Woonsocket, a graduate of Brown University. At the end of the Fall term he resigned, and the school committee secured the services of Mr. Volney Skinner, of Watertown, another graduate of Brown, for the Winter term. Under his direction, the scholars are doing good work in their studies. Mr. Skinner evinces a genuine interest in his work, and labors hard for the welfare of his scholars.

There are thirty-six pupils enrolled, of whom seventeen come from the outer districts. Since the school was established there have been five years when the school was larger, eight years when it was smaller, and two years when it contained the same number of scholars as at present. Comparing the cost per scholar with that of a decade ago, and using the number of scholars now in the school (36) for this year's basis, we have the following: In 1875-1876. number of scholars, 39; teacher's wages, \$480; cost per scholar, \$12.56. Teacher's wages this year, \$360; number of scholars, 36; cost per scholar, \$10.

In the Fall term, although the class did not enter this school as heretofore, it was brought together in the Grammar school where, under the excellent instruction of Miss Bennett, the members received a much better training than they would have received in the High school, of which they virtually formed a part. This arrangement, for obvious reasons, was a great advantage (which might have been better improved) to the High school in the Fall term, and by it the number of classes was kept down to ten this winter.

This school has been maintained by the town for eighteen years, and its beneficent work has been, and still is, recognized by all those interested in the education of the children of this town. A school that is composed of the best scholars from the different district schools, as this one is, cannot but be an advantageous one. It not only benefits the scholars in it, but acts as an incentive to greater efforts on the part of those who remain in the other schools, to advance in their studies, so that, in due time, they, too, may reach the distinction of being High school scholars.

All the class that entered this year, were required to take three studies besides miscellaneous work. Some of the pupils who were prepared to enter the Latin class already formed, were permitted to make that study a fourth one, with the understanding that if one was dropped it should be the Latin.

Owing to the admittance of this large class and the re-arrangement of the classes this term, the expense for books has been great. It is time the school committee laid out a course of study for this



school that should be strictly adhered to. We have books sufficient for large classes in the following studies: Reading, United States History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Book-keeping, English Grammar, Rhetoric, Latin, Physical Geography, Physiology and Natural Philosophy. With the addition of Civil Government, this list would seem to embrace as many studies as can profitably be taught in a school like this.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The committee were very fortunate in securing so competent a teacher for this school as Miss Bennett proved to be. A lady of superior intellect, an excellent disciplinarian and a zealous worker in her profession, she enjoyed the full confidence of her scholars, as well as parents and committee, and remarkable progress was made by her pupils. A large class from the North school entered the Grammar in the Fall term, making new demands on the teacher, which were fully met, and this term was even more profitable than the Spring term. Miss Bennett's resignation was greatly to be regretted; but the need of rest, with the prospect of a better situation in the Spring, caused her to take that step.

Miss M. F. Briggs, of Mattapoisett, Mass., a graduate of Bridgewater Normal school, was engaged for the Winter term. Her methods of teaching were similar to those employed by Miss Bennett, so a good opportunity was afforded the scholars to advance in their studies this Winter.

A class of eighteen left this school at the end of the Fall term, and entered the High this Winter; so it would be difficult to give a fair comparison of the work done this term, with that of the two preceding.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Mary E. Dudley has taught this school throughout the year, in a very commendable manner. Her methods of teaching are constantly improving, and work is now done in this school that would not have been attempted several years ago. She has the love and confidence of all her scholars, and no school in town has done better work than has been done here.

### NORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Mary L. Taft has had charge of this school during the year. It is probably the hardest school (High excepted) to discipline in town. Miss Taft has succeeded well in this respect, and it is in this that many fail; and all things considered, her school has made praiseworthy progress. But the same difficulty existed this year as last, the non-attendance of scholars. No teacher can do herself justice, unless parents send their children to school regularly.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

This school has been in charge of Mrs. Mary A. Barrows during the year. It was taught in a much more satisfactory manner than last year. There is no doubt that this school has been interfered with in an unlawful manner, at different times during the year, and if the teacher makes a formal complaint to the committee they should, by administering a wholesome lesson to those who disturb the school, protect her in the discharge of her duties from further insult.

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Cora E. Gaskill has taught this school through the year, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. I can only speak of this school in words of praise, and sincerely hope the great interest which the people of this part of the town evince in their school will not in the future diminish, for while it lasts they cannot have a poor school.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Lottie F. Cornwell has had charge of this school for the year. It is to be regretted the excellent teacher of last year could not have been retained, but a larger salary drew her elsewhere. There are some bright children in this school, and, on the whole, fair progress has been made.

## ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL.

Miss Dora Taft has had charge of this school during the year, and the scholars under her have made commendable progress in their studies throughout the year. This school, which until lately was considered our largest school, is now the smallest in town.

## APPARATUS.

Under the law which gives the school committee authority to appropriate 25 per cent. of the State School fund for the purchase of maps, etc., I have, after consulting with the committee, purchased some necessary maps and supplementary readers, and a desk copy of "White's Oral Lessons" for each school. They have been used a great deal through the year, with good results.

## TEXT BOOKS.

I would report that the text books furnished by the town have been kept in good condition, and that all the books furnished the scholars this year and last were in the school this Winter term, none having been worn out or lost; that there has been no difficulty in having scholars use books which had been used by other scholars, and that the law works successfully, to the benefit of our schools.

## COST OF SCHOOLS.

The decreasing number of scholars in town has raised the inquiry, whether the cost of instruction per scholar is not considerably more now than it was, say ten years ago, when the schools were larger. The following table will show the cost per year for each scholar, the average number of scholars and the average wages per month paid teacher this year, and also for the year ending April 30, 1876.

SCHOOLS.	Average Number of Scholars 1876.	Average Number of Scholars, 1886.	Average Wages Paid Teachers per Month, 1876.	Average Wages Paid Teachers per Month, 1886.	Average Cost per Scholar, 1876.	Average Cost per Scholar, 1886.
North.	30	22	\$40 73	\$25 60	\$9 56	\$8 73
Primary.	41	32	34 71	25 20	5 92	6 29
Grammar.	33	24	41 78	34 57	8 86	10 08
South.	13	14	28 71	21 33	15 46	11 43
East.	24	23	34 28	26 66	10 00	8 58
West.	11	14	24 00	20 00	15 37	10 71
Albeeville.	32	14	33 71	25 46	7 37	13 28

## SCHOOL HOUSES.

The South school house has been newly shingled, and the interior has received a coat of paint and whitewash and some necessary repairs.

The West school room has been enlarged by removing the partition between it and the entry, and some other necessary improvements made.

In the Centre room, the furniture has been re-varnished and coal stoves put in for the Winter term, as the rooms could not be sufficiently warmed by the wood stoves.

A well, for which the town made a special appropriation, has been dug for the use of the North school,

The East school house needs repairing on the west side badly. The recitation bench is on this side of the school room, and cold westerly winds blow through open cracks in the side of the school house directly on to the scholars, and expose them to the risk of taking cold.

The interior of the Albeeville school house needs renovating. Some method of ventilating the school rooms should be adopted, as bad air is the rule rather than the exception.



## CONCLUSION.

The methods of teaching the different studies in our schools should be more uniform, and to this end would suggest that all teachers be required to attend a teachers' meeting, held under direction of the school committee, some day before the commencement of each term, and that the best methods of teaching the different subjects there presented should be adopted by all the teachers.

Our method of electing teachers should be changed. Each teacher should be elected by the committee as a board. Our present method, so I am informed on good authority, is illegal.

Monthly reports should be used in all the schools, as they would keep the parents informed of the progress of their children, and would, perhaps, awaken more interest in their minds concerning the progress of the school.

With many thanks for the generous support the School Committee have given me for the last three years, and for the courteous treatment received from teachers, this report is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD DIXON.

Superintendent of Schools.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RESOURCES.

Amount unexpended, April 30, 1885.....	\$121 22
Town appropriation for 1885.....	1,500 00
Received for Milford scholars.....	6 00
"    Upton    "    .....	26 50
Income from dog tax.....	98 63
Received from State School Fund.....	210 60
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## EXPENDED.

Teachers' wages*.....	\$1,684 00
Fuel and care of fire†.....	100 00
Apparatus from State School Fund.....	45 64
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	\$1,829 64
Balance in Treasury.....	133 31
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	\$1,962 95

\* Including all wages that will be due this year.

† Including what is estimated to be due.

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